



God's Righteous Judgment & Reward II: 2nd Thessalonians 1:5-12
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Intro: Psalm 2 *Coronation of the Son*

V.12 Pay homage to the Son or He will be angry and you will perish in your rebellion,

Text: 2nd Thessalonians 1:5-12 HCSB

12 It is a clear evidence of God's righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also are suffering, 6 since it is righteous for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you 7 and to reward with rest you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, 8 taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from His glorious strength 10 in that day when He comes to be glorified by His •saints and to be admired by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed. 11 And in view of this, we always pray for you that our God will consider you worthy of His calling, and will, by His power, fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ

I. Righteous Judgment on those living at Jesus' 2nd Coming, Verses 6, 8

V 6 God will repay w/ affliction those who afflicted His followers

V 8 taking vengeance w/ flaming fire

Vengeance-

Matthew 25:31-46, *sheep and goats*

Flaming Fire-

Isaiah 66:14-16 the Lord will come with fire..... with flames of fire. 16 For the Lord will execute judgment on all flesh with His fiery sword....

Malachi 4:1 ... the day is coming, burning like a furnace

Revelation 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness. 12 His eyes were like a fiery flame

II. Righteous, eternal judgment on ALL the unsaved, at The Great White Throne

V 9 pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence.

Revelation 20:11-15, Great White Throne Judgment

11 Then I saw a great white throne and One seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence, and no place was found for them. 12 I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. 13 Then the sea gave up its dead, and Death and Hades gave up their dead; all were judged according to their works. 14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And anyone not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Lake of Fire:

Matthew 25:41

Revelation 19:20

Revelation 20:10

Leon Morris: "...that separation from the Lord which is the final disaster."

III. Who Receives This Righteous Judgment? Verses 6b, 8

V.6 since it is righteous for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you ...

V.8 taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

The gospel is not just an invitation to a better life; it is a divine command to repent of our rebellion and to submit to the Kingdom of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:8

2nd Thessalonians 2:10 describes those perishing in God's judgment as those who:

*don't accept the love of the truth *believed what was false

*didn't believe the truth *enjoyed unrighteousness

IV. Pay Homage to the Son

Psalm 2:10 So now, kings, be wise; receive instruction, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with reverential awe and rejoice with trembling. 12 Pay homage to the Son or He will be angry and you will perish in your rebellion, for His anger may ignite at any moment. All those who take refuge in Him are happy.

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell choose it." CS Lewis