

2 Thessalonians

1:1-12 Blessed Are The Persecuted ...

Praise For Persecution



1:3-4 Gratitude—*Again*

1Th. 2:19 For who is our hope or joy or
Crown of Exultation?

Is it not even you, in the presence of our
Lord Jesus at His coming?

1:5-10 Pay Day is Coming For Everyone

2Th. 1:5 This (*endurance under persecution*) is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

Evidence for a Verdict

You ARE Worthy!

ΚΑΤΑΞΙΩ “*Exceedingly Fit, Worthy!*”

Acts 14:19-22 Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe. After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith ...

and saying, ***“Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”***

“Pay Back”

2Th. 1:6 For after all it is just for God to **repay** with affliction those who afflict you,

1:7 and to give **relief** to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

1:8 dealing out **retribution** to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

1:9 These will **pay the penalty** of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power ...

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1:6 The Pay Back

Affliction/Torment/Pain

1:7 The Relief

Rest/Freedom

... when the Lord Jesus **will be revealed** from heaven
with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

ἀποκαλυψις *“Revelation, Uncover”*

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1:10 when He comes to be *glorified* in His saints on *That Day*, and to *be marveled at* among all who have believed — for our testimony to you was believed.

ἐνδοξα “*Glorified, Honored*”
θαυμαζω “*Amazing, Awesome!*”

ON THAT DAY!

... because you BELIEVED our Testimony

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ἐνδικῶ "*Payment in Kind, Vengeance*"

ὄλεθρῶν "*Ruin, Loss*"

1:11-12 We Pray With Purpose

1:11 To this end also we pray for you always, ***that*** our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power,
2Th. 1:12 ***so that*** the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and [the] Lord Jesus Christ.

Persecution Means Blessing!

Matt. 5:10 “**Blessed** are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:11 “**Blessed** are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

Matt. 5:12 “**Rejoice** and be glad, for **your Reward in Heaven is great** (*a Huge Pay Back*)—for in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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THE DAY OF THE LORD

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