

Thanksgiving and Prayer - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Topics: Assurance, Benefits, Faith, Future, Heaven, Hell, Hope, Judgment, Last Days, Perseverance, Rewards, Second Coming

Open It

- * 1. What experiences can destroy a person's desire to live?
- 2. What fictional or real-life person endured difficulties and trials on the way to eventual triumph?

Explore It

- 3. To whom is this letter addressed? (1:1)
- 4. Who wrote this letter? (1:1)
- 5. Why did Paul thank God for the church at Thessalonica? (1:3)
- 6. What was the reputation of the church at Thessalonica? (1:4)
- * 7. What difficulties was the church at Thessalonica experiencing? (1:4)
- * 8. What do persecution and trials prove about God's work in the church and the world? (1:5)
- 9. How will God deal with unbelievers and believers alike? When? (1:6-7)
- 10. When will God reward and punish people? (1:7)
- 11. For what reason will God punish people? (1:8)
- * 12. How did Paul describe the punishment of those who reject Christ? (1:9)
- 13. What will believers experience when they see the Lord Jesus? (1:10)
- 14. What was Paul's prayer for the church at Thessalonica? (1:11-12)

Get It

- 15. What can we do to keep our faith growing?
- 16. What can we do to increase our love for others?
- 17. How can a person go through trials and yet have their faith strengthened?
- * 18. When we are going through difficulties, how do we know God hasn't forgotten us?
- 19. What are some reasons we use to explain why we experience trials and hard times?
- 20. How could trials and hard times be part of God's plan for us?
- 21. How will our view of the trials during our life be different after Jesus returns?
- 22. How does Paul's description of hell compare to your ideas about what hell is like?
- 23. How do we discover God's purpose for our lives?
- * 24. What lessons do you think God is trying to teach you through the trials and difficulties you have experienced recently?

Apply It

- 25. How could your life glorify the name of the Lord Jesus this week?
- * 26. In what trials and difficulties do you need patience and perseverance this week to see God's eventual good results?