Women’s Bible Study

I & II Thessalonians

**Ninth Study** - II Thessalonians Introduction and Overview

**“Introduction to the Epistle”**

Studies I&II Thessalonians Pages 45-48 (using Lesson 10)

For this lesson we look at an overview of II Thessalonians.

This will be a general view of the entire letter and will not go into verse by verse detail.

Once again, the questions from Rev. Hanko’s Study Guides are in parenthesis after the questions.

All quotes by Wm. Hendrikson are from his New Testament Commentary on I & II Thessalonians

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**\_Day One**

**Overview of II Thessalonians**

Today we look at an overview of Paul’s second letter to the Thessalonians.

**II Thessalonians - Study Guide page 45**

**Read:** All of II Thessalonians

**Do:**

1. Read the introduction to Lesson Ten on page 45 in the Study Guide.

2. The greeting: (#2 pg. 45)

Compare Paul’s greeting with that in I Thessalonians 1:1 (Q. 2.a. pg. 45)

3. Compare the greeting in 2 Thessalonians with I Peter 1:1&2 (Q. 2.b. pg.45)

**Food for thought:** “This letter was probably written a few months after First Thessalonians, while Paul was still in Corinth with Silas and Timothy (1:1 and Acts 18:5) The bearer of the first epistle may have brought Paul an update on the new developments, prompting him to write this letter. They were still undergoing persecution, and the false teaching about the day of the Lord led some of them to overreact by giving up their jobs. The problem of idleness recorded in First Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 11-12, had become more serious, (3:6-15). By this time, Paul was beginning to see the opposition he would face in his ministry in Corinth (3:2; and Acts 18:5-10).” Talk Through the Bible

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 1:2

**“My soul for Thy salvation faints, but still I hope in thee;**

**I long to see Thy promised help, When Thou shalt comfort me.”** Ps. 331 st. 1

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# \_Day Two\_

**Spiritual Growth**

## Today we see how Paul acknowledges that the Thessalonians have grown spiritually.

**II Thessalonians 1:3&4 - Study Guide page 45-46**

**Read:** II Thessalonians 1:1-5 Hebrews 12:1-3 I Peter 1:22 II Peter 1:5-8

**Do:** 1. Paul’s expression of thanks: (#3 pg. 45)

In what three aspects had the congregation grown spiritually (1:3&4)? (Q. 3.a. pg. 45)

Questions continued...

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2. What had been their reaction to persecution and tribulation (1:4)? (Q. 3.b. pg. 46)

1. Can it be seen by our lives that we are growing spiritually?
2. Can it be said of us that our love toward each other abounds?

**Food for thought:** “Remember that charity is the love of God in our hearts. It is the love wherewith God loves Himself. And that love abounded in the Thessalonians. They looked at God and the church, at the world and its host through the eyesight of God. And they lived that love. Just imagine such a life for a minute. You know how God looks at you, don’t you? You lie on your knees and bewail your sins. And He says to you in tones of lovingkindness: Be of good courage, my son, thy sins are forgiven thee. And you arise and smile through your tears. And you walk in the smiles of God. And thus, they looked at one another. They all looked that way towards every member of that church. What a church-life!

Rev. G. Vos in the Standard Bearer article: Heaven on Earth

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 1:3

**“To those who dwell in brotherhood the Lord His blessing sends,**

**He crowns them with the crown of life, of life that never ends.”** Ps. #369 st. 3

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### \_Day Three\_

**The Righteous Judgment of God**

## Today we look at two aspects of God’s righteous judgment

# II Thessalonians 1:5-10 - Study Guide page 46

**Read:** II Thess. 1:1-10 Romans 8:17&18 I Peter 1:6&7 Rev. 20:4&10

**Do:**

1. God’s righteous judgment: (1:5-12) (#4. Pg.46)

What is God’s righteous judgment upon His faithful church (1:5, 7, 10)? (Q. 4.a. pg 46)

2. What is God’s vengeance upon those who persecute the church (1:6, 8, 9)? (Q. 4.b. pg. 46)

1. Why is it a ‘righteous thing’ that God recompenses tribulation?

**Food for thought:** “Paul calls this unflinching attitude (vs. 4&5) on the part of the Thessalonians (their endurance and faith amid all persecutions and afflictions) an indication or ‘proof positive’ of God’s righteous judgment. The very fact that God rewards his children with fortitude indicates that he is a righteous God, who, accordingly, will also manifest this righteousness in the final judgment, which judgment will have as its purpose to state openly that his loyal followers are worth of entering his everlasting kingdom. For the sake of this kingdom not only Paul, Silas, Timothy and many others outside of Thessalonica are suffering but so are also the believers at Thessalonica. They gladly endure tribulation in order that one day they may enter into the kingdom of perfection, in which God will be all in all, and his sovereign rule will be joyfully recognized and obeyed.” Wm. Hendrikson

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 1:5

### “The Lord is most righteous, the Lord loves the right, the evil He hates and will surely requite;

**The wicked His anger will drive from their place, the upright in rapture shall gaze on His face.”**

Psalter #20 St. 3

# Day Four: Paul’s Prayer for the Thessalonians

Today we look at Paul’s prayer and his chief desire in that prayer.

**II Thessalonians 1:11&12 - Study Guide page 46**

**Date:** II Thessalonians 1:7-12 John 17:10&22 Col. 2:9&10

Do: 1. What two things does Paul desire in his prayer for the congregation (1:11)? (Q. 4.c. pg.46)

2. What is his *chief* desire in this prayer (1:12)? (Q. 4.d. pg. 46)

3. How can the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in us?

**Food for thought:** “Christ’s name is Christ himself as he has revealed himself: for example, as God’s Anointed One, the Savior and Lord of his own. Hence, when they share in his anointing… and recognize his Lordship, then his name is glorified in them. And this, in turn, reflects glory on them…This ‘he in you’ and

‘you in him’ is probably based directly upon the teaching of Jesus (John 17:10&22 and John 15:4). It indicates the closeness of the fellowship between the Lord and those who are his own. His work in their hearts reflects glory on him. Their nearness to him means glory for them. Moreover, the glory which they receive is not given according to the standard of human merit, for then there would be none. It is given according to the standard of ‘the grace of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.’ That *grace* is derived from God our Father as the Fountain and, being mediated through the *Lord Jesus Christ*, may be said to be derived also from him.” Wm. Hendrikson

# To take with you: II Thessalonians 1:12

### O gracious God, forsake me not when I am old and gray,

### that unto those that follow me I may Thy might display.

**Thou Holy One of Israel, to Thee sweet songs I raise;**

**The soul Thou hast redeemed from death shall give Thee joyful praise.**  Ps. #192 st. 1&5

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### \_Day Five Be Not Soon Shaken

Paul urges the Thessalonians not to be fooled into believing Jesus’ second coming is near.

# II Thessalonians 2:1-3 - Study Guide page 46

**Read:** II Thessalonians 2:1-12 Mark 13:7 I John 4:1&2

**Do:**

1. Events preceding Christ’s second coming: (2:1-12) (#5 pg. 46)

What was the occasion for Paul’s writing concerning the events of Christ’s second coming (2:2)?

(Q.5.a.pg.46)

2. What was the concern in the congregation (2:2)? (Q. 5.b pg. 46)

**Food for thought:** “The apostle Paul writing his second epistle to the Thessalonians, the second chapter, exhorts the church to stability of mind. Writes he: ‘Now we beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind.’ It appears that this exhortation was necessary for especially two reasons. First of all, the Church at Thessalonica had been persecuted from without. Food for thought continued…

**\_Day 5\_\_, cont.** “Not only had the apostle himself experienced trial there when he was on his missionary journey, being cast out of the city by persecuting Jews; but the saints, who comprised the church at that place, had also suffered continual trial. This is plain already from the First Epistle, and it is again mentioned in the Second.

With respect to this perplexing condition in which the church might easily be fraught with fear and anxiety, the apostle exhorts that they be not soon shaken in mind. But secondly, and this is perhaps more important than the first reason, apparently there were some in the congregation who had been stirred up by a false conception of the parousia, i.e. the doctrine respecting the second coming of Christ. How they were affected by this, is not stated. Though we do not read of it in the Epistle, there may have been false teachers who resided in the church and propagated their erroneous doctrine regarding Christ’s return. Or, it is also possible that this false notion was a conception some of the members had acquired by themselves. When you consider that a church which continuously experiences persecution will earnestly desire to be relieved of it, it can quite easily be understood how they longed for Christ’s return and final victory over all their enemies. And so they would be much perplexed when it became evident that Christ did not return as soon as expected. Therefore, the apostle explains that this return of Christ is quite impossible for the present.”

Rev. M Schipper in the Reformed Witness Hour sermon: Divine Ordination Unto Salvation

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 2:1&2

**“Bring thou to God the gift of thanks, and pay thy vows to God Most High;**

**Call ye upon My holy Name in days when sore distress is nigh;**

**Deliverance I will send to thee, and praises thou shalt give to Me.”** Ps. #137 st. 6

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# \_Day Six: Before The Lord Returns

Today we look at the events that must take place before Christ can return.

**II Thessalonians 2:3 - Study Guide page 46**

**Read:** II Thessalonians 2:1-5 Matthew 24:4-28 II Tim. 3:1-3 I John 2:18

**Do:**

1. What must happen before the Lord returns (2:3)? (Q. 5.c. pg. 46)

a. List the ‘musts’ from this chapter

b. What else must happen – considering Matthew 24?

c. What signs do we see now being fulfilled?

d. What has not yet been fulfilled?

**Food for thought:** “By studying the Bible we learn that there are three specific areas within which these signs are unfolded. These are in nature, among the nations, and within the church.

As the return of Christ draws nearer there will be an increase in natural disturbances. Christ in Matthew 24:7 tells us: ‘There shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.’ If we add to this the knowledge we receive from the book of Revelation we may conclude that what is true of all ages becomes greater toward the end of the world….as the end comes closer, we may expect an increase of destruction and death caused by natural calamities. This will end in the final cataclysm and total destruction when Christ returns…A casual observance of the daily news can’t help but impress upon us the extent of natural upheavals in our day. Earthquakes, tornadoes, blizzards, landslides pervade the headlines daily. Food for thought continued…

**\_\_Day 6\_, cont.** “The second area lies within the sphere of the nations. According to Scripture, just prior to the return of Christ the nations of the world will be joined together in one world government called the Kingdom of antichrist…Is there not an abundance of evidence that points to world unity today? Surely the wars and rumors of wars are the birth pangs to bring forth the world government of antichrist…The unique point of the antichristian rule is this, the people will gladly give authority to the world government. This will not be forced upon people, they will readily accept it…Certainly one has to be blind not to see that government here in America is controlling more and more of our life… Government has programs to care for the poor, provide medical care under social security, and many benefits to dependent children… These things must happen in order to usher in the antichristian world government. With this the ‘church’ plays an important role. The final world government of antichrist cannot succeed without the blessing of the nominally Christian church. This is after all the real thrust of modern ecumenism… the ecumenical movement isn’t going to be satisfied with unifying Protestantism, it must include Roman Catholicism not only, but all the religions of the world. Christianity isn’t the only good religion, there are good points in Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, and Islamism as well.

The final sign of our Lord’s return lies in the sphere of the true church. Even as we mentioned before, it will suffer persecutions. Because the faithful church refuses to recognize the antichristian beast and will not receive its mark, she suffers persecution, she cannot buy nor sell for there is no place in such a godless society for her. She will not be allowed to preach from the pulpit, the radio will be out of bounds, and every meeting place will be controlled. The faithful will have difficulty providing Christian education for their children, they will not be able to keep up with the demanded ideals of government. Yea, she will flee to the hills and find refuge in seclusion. Matthew 24: 9-28.”

Rev. J. Kortering in the booklet A Study in Eschatology

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 2:3

**As things become increasingly difficult, the nearness of the end is all the more imminent.**

**We wait not for a kingdom here on hearth, for that would be disappointing.**

**We seek the kingdom of Heaven,**

**where we will be at home with Christ and all the saints**

**to take our places in the glorified creation and praise God perfectly forever.** Rev. Kortering

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# \_Day Seven\_\_

**The Mystery of Iniquity**

Today we look at Paul’s teaching concerning the ‘man of sin’.

# II Thessalonians 2:3-7 - Study Guide page 47

**Read:** II Thessalonians 2:1-8 I John 4:1-3

**Do:**

1. How will the man of sin be recognized (2:3&4)? (Q. 5.d. page 47)

see also Rev. 13:3-8

I John 2:18

2. Why has the man of sin not yet appeared (2:7)? (Q. 5.e. page 47)

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\_\_\_Day 7\_**cont.**

**Food for thought:** “Literally, an antichrist is a man who is *against* Christ, that is, against the one and only Christ of God, Jesus. This name sets forth the essence of Antichrist: he is opposed to Christ. He is against Christ personally; he is against Christ’s body, the church; he is against Christ’s Word, Holy Scripture. But Christ is the revelation and servant of God. The hostility of Antichrist to Christ is, therefore, ultimately enmity against God. He is anti-God. Although he leaves the impression with people that he is motivated by love for the world, by humanitarianism, and although his deeds, superficially considered, seem to support this, it is not love that really moves him, but hatred. The one, main, driving force in all his being and activity is opposition to Christ as God’s Man in the world, hatred for Jesus as God in the flesh. In his opposition, he usurps Jesus’ place and presents himself as the legitimate Christ. All of this is implied in the name, “false christs.”… In the future, Antichrist will come fully, but only as the result of gradual development and as the culmination of a long process. The constant activity in the world to produce Antichrist is that of the spirit of Antichrist, according to I John 4:1-3. There is a personal, crafty, powerful spirit at work in the world in every area of human life, and that spirit is Satan. But he is at work as the spirit of *Antichrist,* as the spirit that aims at and works for one thing: *Antichrist.* Here, by the way, you see the formal similarity, the striking parallel, of Christ and Antichrist. Just as Christ has His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, who functions as the Spirit of Christ to realize the Kingdom of Christ, so does Antichrist have his spirit, the devil, who functions on behalf of Antichrist. The many false christs, or antichrists, are the men and women, raised up by the devil throughout history, who oppose Jesus Christ, present themselves as redeemers and saviors in Christ’s place, and thus prepare the way for the real Antichrist.” Prof. D. Engelsma in the S.B. article: The Coming of Antichrist

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 2:7

**“Does this leave the elect believer defenseless? Not at all.**

**The man or woman who knows and loves the truth of Scripture**

**can easily detect him and see through his deceitfulness,**

**and such a man or woman will certainly reject him.**

**The defense of the church is the Word of God.**

**The Word is a sure defense. Antichrist will fail.”** Prof. Engelsma

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# \_\_Day Eight\_

**The Man of Sin**

Today we will take a closer look at the man of sin.

# II Thessalonians 2:8-12 - Study Guide page 47

**Read:** II Thessalonians 2:8-12 Matt. 24:24 Rev. 19:20 Rev. 20:10

**Do:** 1. How will the man of sin expose the unbelievers (2: 9-12)? (Q. 5.f. page 47)

2. What is his end (2:8)? (Q. 5.g. page 47)

3. From verses 3-12 list all the titles or names given to the Antichrist:

1. From verses 3-10 list what he does:

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# \_\_Day 8\_, cont.

**Food for thought:** “Antichrist’s name gives us indication of what he is. He is Anti-*christ….* Antichrist is a false Christ, according to Matthew 24:24. He claims to be anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and claims

to be qualified to do the work in God’s name of redeeming God’s people and renewing the creation. But he is not. He is a liar. His claims are false. He is a false Christ…So although the Antichrist will leave the impression that his motivation force is love, concern for humanity, and pity or the oppressed, what drives Antichrist is not love but hatred.. The one motivating force in his life is opposition to Jesus Christ, opposition to all that He stands for, and to all that stand for Him.”

Prof. B. Gritters in the Pamphlet: The Antichrist

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 2:8

**“There will be no struggle by Jesus Christ with Antichrist.**

**In a moment of time, where the entire history of the world climaxes,**

**Christ in an instant will destroy the man of sin. Therefore, do not fear.”** Prof. Gritters

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# \_\_Day Nine\_\_

**Paul’s Thanks and Prayer for the Thessalonians**

Today we will look at Paul’s encouragement to the Thessalonians.

# II Thessalonians 2:13-17 - Study Guide page 47

**Read:** II Thessalonians 2:13-17 **for vs. 13** – Eph. 1:1-5 I Peter 1:25

**for vs. 15** I Cor. 15:58 **for vs. 17** II Cor. 1:3-6 Jude 24

**Do:**

1. For what does the apostle give thanks (2:13&14)? (Q. 6. Page 47)

2. To what does he admonish the believers (2:15)? (Q. 7. page 47)

3. What is his request for them (2:16-17)? (Q. 8. page 47)

**Food for thought:** “Paul comforts the readers with the thought that the sentence of condemnation will not rest on *them*, for *they* have been chosen from eternity. In this sovereign election *not only the end* was foreordained but *also the means* through which it would be brought about. The end is salvation, and the means are “sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” In fact, the divine, inward calling may also be considered as one of the means for the readers had been called “with a view to obtaining the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Accordingly, the brothers are urged to stand firm and to cling to the traditions which they have been taught by the writers, whether orally or by letter.

The pendulum swings back once more to emphasis upon the divine factor….The Thessalonians will not be able to stand firm and to cling to the traditions unless God in Christ encourages and strengthens their hearts….Everlasting encouragement and good hope result in gratitude and a desire to please the Giver. Hence, Paul writes, “Now may he . . . encourage your hearts (the central organ of your life) *in every good work and word.”* Such works and words are those which redound to God’s honor. Thus, the circle has again been completed. What came from God has, by way of thanksgiving, returned to him!” Wm Hendrikson

# \_Day Ten\_

**Final Admonitions**

Today we look at the final admonitions Paul gives to the Thessalonians in this letter.

# II Thessalonians 3:1-5 - Study Guide page 47

**Read:** II Thessalonians 3:1-5 **for vs. 1&2** Eph. 6:18-20 Rom.15:30&31

**for vs. 3** Ps. 19:13 John 17:15 **for vs. 4&5** Phil. 2:12&13 I Peter 4:1&2

**Do:** 1. Final admonitions: (#9. Pg. 47)

What does Paul desire of the Thessalonians (3:1&2)? (Q. 9.a. pg. 47)

2. Of what does he assure them? Verse 3

3. What is Paul confident of in verses 4&5 and why can he be that confident?

**Food for thought:** “Being a firm believer in the power of intercessory prayer, Paul requests that the Thessalonian brothers will remember in their devotions the men who had brought them the glorious gospel of salvation. He makes this request in order that not only in Thessalonica but also at Corinth, where Paul, Silas, and Timothy are staying while this letter is being written, the word of the Lord may run its race and be crowned with glory, and God’s servants may be rescued from “those unrighteous and evil men,” which expression probably has reference to the Jewish opponents.

Over against faith-less men stands the ever faith-ful Lord, who will inwardly strengthen and thus (as well as in other ways) guard the readers from the evil one. Paul expresses his complete confidence in the obedience of the group which he is addressing. He expresses the hope that the Lord may direct the hearts of the readers to the love which issues from the heart of God, and to the endurance which was shown by Christ in the midst of his own bitter suffering. When this love becomes the motivating force in the lives of the Thessalonians and when that endurance becomes their example, spiritual victory is assured.”Wm Hendrikson

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# \_Day Eleven

**Those Who Walk Disorderly**

## Today we see Paul’s instruction concerning godly church discipline.

**II Thessalonians 3:6-15 - Study Guide page 47**

**Read:** II Thessalonians 3:6-15 **for vs. 6-10** I Cor. 5:11-13

**for vs. 11-15** Matt. 18:17 Rom. 16:17&18 II Cor. 2:6-10

**Do:**

1. What does he command them (3:6-10)? (Q. 9.b.pg. 47)

2. What must be done to those who walk disorderly (3:11-15)? (Q. 9.c. pg. 47)

3. Why would Paul add in this connection ‘But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing’? verse 13

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**Food for thought:** “All Christians are responsible to a certain extent for a sinner’s sins. And by making the name (of an unrepentant sinner) public, the church (consistory) is giving the congregation opportunity not only to pray for the impenitent, but also to visit, admonish, and pray with him. Biblical support is found in II Thessalonians 3: 14. This passage tells us that “if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy but admonish him as a brother.” Two things are apparent and especially important in this text. First, the church is to “note that man,” that is, consider and mark who the impenitent one is. Second, the church does that *before the impenitent is excommunicated* (he is still considered a “brother”) so that the congregation has opportunity to “admonish him as a brother.” Reformed churches have determined that this is the orderly, obedient, and God glorifying way to exercise church discipline.”

Prof. B. Gritters in the S.B. article: Understanding Church Discipline (2)

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 3:14&15

**“While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief,**

**Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;**

**But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from Thee,**

**When I confessed transgression, then Thou forgavest me.”** Ps. #83 st. 2

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# \_\_Day Twelve

**Paul’s Benediction**

Today we look at how Paul closes his second letter to the Thessalonians.

# II Thessalonians 3:16-18 - Study Guide page 48

**Read:** II Thessalonians 3:16-18 Eph. 2:14-17 John 16:33

**Do:**

1. What is the apostle’s final benediction (3:16-18)? (Q. 10. pg.48)

The following summary is quoted from The King James Study Bible by Nelson:

“Paul’s second letter to the Thessalonians is a follow-up to the first. It appears to have been written shortly after I Thessalonians, in response to certain reports that had come to the apostle regarding the Thessalonians’ progress (see 3:11)… While Paul was encouraged by their faith and steadfastness, he could see that many in the assembly were still very confused about the second coming of Christ. Paul even suggests the possibility that some are deliberately misrepresenting his teaching on this all-important subject (see 2:2). The possibility of such a deception is supported by counterfeit letters purportedly written by the apostle. He exhorts them to pay special attention to his signature, so that they may distinguish the genuine letters from the false (3:17). Paul knows the ultimate source of this trouble is Satan himself, the ‘evil one’ (3:3), and he is confident that the Lord will protect them.

Nevertheless, this misunderstanding had led many in the church to forsake their occupations, to lead undisciplined lives, and to breed unrest among the people by becoming busybodies and beggars, living off those who still maintained gainful employment (3:6-15). Still others had become discouraged, thinking the day of the Lord had already begun and that they had somehow missed it. They had expected Christ to destroy their enemies. Yet they were still suffering persecution. Paul addresses these problems. He explains that while the time of the Lord’s coming cannot be predicted; it will be a spectacular event that no one could miss. Furthermore, if the day of the Lord had already begun, then many other events would already have taken place (2:1-12). Since they had seen none of these events, they could be sure they had not missed the Lord’s return. In the meantime, they should take heart in the fact that from the start, God’s purpose was to include them in the glorious events of Christ’s coming (2:13&14). As for those who were presuming upon the good graces of their brethren, they should get to work or expect not to eat (3:6-15).”

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**\_Day 12, cont.**

**Food for thought:** “The apostle expresses the ardent wish that upon the struggling church at Thessalonica, oppressed by persecution from without and plagued by fanaticism from within, the peace established by Christ may rest, that peace which alone is able to impart strength and courage. He continues, ‘The Lord be with you *all*,’ that is, not only with those who are not in need of special instruction or admonition but also with mourners, with those who are on the way to become martyrs, with the weak, yes even with fanatics, busybodies, and loafers, who repent of their sins.” Wm Hendrikson

# To take with you today: II Thessalonians 3:16

**“Come, all ye servants of the Lord, lift up your voice with one accord Jehovah’s Name to bless;**

**Ye that are standing night by night within the house of His delight, His glorious Name confess.**

### Yea, in His place of holiness lift up your hands the Lord to bless; and unto you be given

**the joys that Zion doth afford, the richest blessing of the Lord Who made the earth and heaven.**

##### Psalter # 372 st. 1&2

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# \_Day Thirteen\_

**II Thessalonians**

## Today we will review an outline of II Thessalonians

# Outline of II Thessalonians

**Read:** All of II Thessalonians

##### I. Greeting 1:1&2

II Personal encouragement

A. Testimony of the Thessalonians 1:1-4

B. Purpose of God 1:5

C. The coming of the Lord 1:6-10

D. The prayer of Paul 1:11&12

1. Doctrinal Correction of the Thessalonians

A. Concerning their misunderstanding 2:1&2

B. Concerning the apostasy 2:3a

C. Concerning the man of sin 2:3b-5

D. Concerning the restrainer 2:6-9

E. Concerning unbelievers 2:10-12

F. Concerning believers 2:13-17

1. Practical exhortations

A. Prayer of Paul 3:1&2

B. Confidence in the Lord 3:3-5

C. Discipline of the unruly 3:6-15

V. Benediction 3:16-18