2Thess #157

The LORD is faithful to protect you from evil.

Open back into our anchor study of 2Thessalonians chapter 3.

Let me open with one announcement and one commentary.

First, the Texas Bible Conference will be either at the end of October or the beginning of November.

I believe Rob is securing the dates now.

He had text me about the weekend of Veterans’ Day in November, or the last weekend in October as the other days, and either one of those weekends is manageable.

Once we secure a few more details we will post all the information on prbministry.org.

Now my commentary is this – what has happened in Syria is probably not what it seems – certainly not what the political elite and MSM want you to believe.

Assad just like Putin is always painted as the devil in disguise and the truth is, they are not as bad as they are made out to be.

Assad was politically manipulated and lied about over the years more than once.

Though he is a staunch Muslim - he protected religious freedom in his country and he had no strong desire to go to war.

In fact, Assad protected ancient structures related to Christianity. Also, he allowed some of the oldest Christian groups to practice their faith peacefully in Syria.

Rebel fighters took over Damascus and it appears Assad was just chased out in the middle of the night – very quickly.

Everything is not what it seems!

The man slated to take over now, is a former, violent Al Queda affiliate –

Abu Mohammad al-Jolani.

I’m hearing some rumors that they are going to try and sell this guy…or rebrand him, as a good choice, that is lie!

This whole thing smells like the usually teamwork of the CIA and Israeli Mossad.

Both are highly corrupt and used as tools of the Illuminati.

Something is brewing and keep in mind Damascus is less than a 150 miles North East of Jerusalem.

Damascus is mentioned in the Bible over 50x.

Remember Isaiah prophesied about the destruction of Damascus within future prophecy.

Things are really heating up!

I think we need to keep everyone and everything in our prayers and be prepared for the unexpected!

2Thess 3:1 Finally, brothers *and sisters,* pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it was* also with you;

[2Th 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/2/s_1119002) and that we will be rescued from troublesome and evil people; for not all have the faith.

The Apostle Paul reminds them to keep his group of leaders in prayer.

Because the challenges against Christianity is not only from without – Unbels and the cosmic system.

But also, from within, negative and apostate Bels. Two types of human stumbling blocks are mentioned by Paul.

/[2Th 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/3/s_1119003) But **the Lord is faithful,** and He will strengthen and **protect you from the evil one**.\

Notice he mentioned these two types of negative people who are going to be in the Christian’s path – then immediately tells us, GOD will remain faithful and protect us from this evil!

These types of people are evil.

[2Th 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/4/s_1119004) We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing, and will do, what we command.

The Apostle Paul is confident - even though, many of the Bels at Thessalonica had fallen for false teaching about the end times.

Keeping in mind, this 2nd letter to this Greek congregation is a form of correction and repetition of the accuracy of Eschatology.

Yet the Apostle Paul is confident they will quickly get back on track.

[2Th 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/5/s_1119005) May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the perseverance of Christ.

Only within the application of the NEW NATURE can you have the perseverance of TLJC.

[2Th 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/6/s_1119006) Now we command you, brothers *and sisters,* in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother *or sister* who leads a disorderly life and not one in accordance with the tradition which you received from us.

Again, I remind you this chapter is going to be challenge for people who lead a disorderly life and for those who hate to be challenged about personal responsibility.

/2Thes 3:3 – (Christ, deity) the Lord **will strengthen** (*stērizō*) and **protect** (*phylassō*) you;

*Stērizō-* future tense, meaning we all will need this from time to time. An established stance, to stand firm.

*Phylassō-* to be alert, to be on guard.\

STER-EED-ZO, not just strength it means steadfast, fully balanced and in proper order. To stand firm. To be in the right direction or a strong stance.

PHIL-OSS-OH, points to a military guard or an established knowledge and an alert sense of safety.

These both point to a physical and mentality stability that can only be achieved after a period of growth inside the plan of GOD.

 REPEAT

An interesting principle often missed in the next few verses, 3 into verse 5 is the subtlety of pointing out the Triune GOD.

The word or title LORD (KUR-EE-US) was a term referenced often in the NT for TLJC – the master instructor, the supreme leader – the MESSIAH.

 REPEAT

Then verse 5 is capped off by Paul stating- *May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the perseverance of Christ.*

/The fact is our Triune GOD is always faithful and has given us all we need for strength and protection in a hostile world. We need to accept the grace gifts and divine power and learn to navigate within HIS plan. GOD the Father, author and grand designer of the plan. Jesus Christ, mediator and legal representative and satisfaction for the full plan. GOD the HS, the power source for the plan in time.\

First let me list the ways our Triune GOD is always faithful, there are many ways… obviously.

Yet this list coincides with exactly what the Apostle Paul is teaching here in 2Thess 3:3;

/God is faithful in abundant mercy and grace concerning our sins (1Jhn 1:9).

God is faithful within our spiritual testing;

1Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.\

Each member of the Trinity is seen within this list.

Example- God the Father’s plan was that HIS precious SON fulfill all legal demands and in doing so, give us access to pure righteousness and through the power of the HS we can be cleansed when we sin.

HE will either strengthen you to endure through it - or remove you from it.

The plan of GOD the Father, the union with Christ and power of GOD the HS.

/God is faithful in provision as well as protection —

1Thes 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will do it.

2Thes 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.\

Again, the work of all three members of the Trinity ensures our provisions and protection. We simply need to follow the protocol plan.

/God is faithful in the absence of our faithfulness toward HIM, HE is always faithful in HIS promises as well —

2Tim 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

Heb 10:23 Let’s hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; \

Because we are indwelt by the Trinity we can never be denied.

All promises are found in HIS WORD – the mind of Christ.

/God is faithful in following His WORD and HIS plan —

1Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jer 29:11 ‘For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, ‘plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.\

Jump over to the Gospel of Luke chapter twenty-two RF.

/The call in the Church age is one of growth and action (2Pet 3:18, Eph 4:15, 1Pet 2:2, 2Pet 1:3-8, Col 1:10, Col 3:10, Eph 6:11). It is not a call of timidity and compliance to cosmic ideologies. Most Christians go to one extreme or the other – Christian activism and legalism (flesh). Or they adapt, as the go along and get along Christians. Bels who use emotional love as a blanket that covers everything and everyone until the Rapture arrives.\

They just want everything and everyone to run smoothly, so they compromise who they are and what they believe.

Yet the call is to grow and to apply that which you learn.

What the Apostle Paul is teaching in 2Thess 3:3 is that HE - meaning our union with Christ – the WORD circulating in our soul structure, the filling power of God the HS – walking in the direct pathway of the grace plan of GOD,

**HE will strengthen and protect the Believer**.

 REPEAT

The problem most Bels have, is accepting that GOD works in your life, in favor for you – in the realm of strength to endure and protection in hard adversity, only when you are willing to be a positive child under HIS care.

Now there are obviously the rare times GOD will give momentary protection and strength to a Bel who is in reversionism, yet that is usually because it is their last wake up call.

/Rev 3:19 ‘Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? \

The basic and usual truth, is seen in scriptures such as Romans 8:28 or Exodus 20:6;

/Rom 8:28 And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God**, to those who **are called according to *His* purpose**.

Exo 20:6 but showing favor to thousands, **to those who love Me and keep My commandments**. (Deu 6:5)\

There is no call from TLJC and the teaching of the Apostles where we are told to look for a rose garden of blessing and peace in this temporal walk.

In fact, TLJC was very clear about picking up your own cross – and being prepared to stand in the truth and see the attacks or division even within your own family.

Remember in Luke 22 this is after the Passover supper, the last supper before the cross of Christ.

/Luk 22:31 “Simon, Simon, **behold, Satan has demanded to sift you** sift **you *men* like wheat**;

This is written in a plural sense, which was directed at all the apostles and beyond that - all CA Bels.\

Notice Jesus was openly telling them as a part of some of HIS last personal lessons,

You will be under the attacks and ridicule I am facing (John 15), if they hated ME they will also hate you! The servant is not greater than they MASTER.

[Luk 22:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/22/32/s_995032) but I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail; and you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Jesus in HIS humanity had been praying consistently for these new church leaders HE had ordained. TLJC had been out front, taking the brunt of it - but now they would become the large target of the Kingdom of Darkness.

Which transfer onto the positive Bels today. We are targets for the KOD.

[Luk 22:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/22/33/s_995033) But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death!”

[Luk 22:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/22/34/s_995034) But He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”

Peter’s faith would be shaken to the core in a matter of hours and the LORD knew this.

**/**[Luk 22:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/22/35/s_995035) And He said to them, “**When I sent you out** without money belt and bag and sandals, **you did not lack anything, did you**?” They said, “*No,* nothing.”

Everything they needed they had – they were given a level of power and protection because they were anointed by the very WORDS Jesus told them to speak. They went out several times on these missionary journeys.\

So, notice now TLJC pivots onto something new – something is about to change.

/[Luk 22:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/22/36/s_995036) And He said to them, “**But now,** whoever has a money belt is to **take it along**, likewise also a bag, and **whoever has no sword is to sell his cloak and buy *one.***

Now, the beginning of the formation of the Church Age (Pentecost), be PREPARED! Be alert, be ready to defend and stand strong when the attacks and challenges arise…and they will!\

Jesus is clearly speaking to them about once HE is physically gone, then responsibilities and accountability will increase ten-fold.

They will need to journey out further and with much greater strength and stability.

Because now the intensified stage of the angelic conflict kicks into high gear.

They are the leaders now.

[Luk 22:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/22/37/s_995037) “For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me: ‘AND HE WAS COUNTED WITH WRONGDOERS’; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment.”

Apostles…CA Bels, you will be the ones viewed as the wrongdoers and the outcast of society.

[Luk 22:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/22/38/s_995038) They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.”

Jesus did not want them to be aggressive…simply prepared, for what may lay ahead for them.

There is no just call for violence and aggressive action, outside of a self-defense situation for the true Christian. Violence is avoided at all costs - until you have no choice, then it is condoned.