2Thess #145

Many thorns are in the distraction of the details of life.

Just to give you all a heads up…Sunday was almost impossible to upload on all platforms - it was over 4 hours of frustration.

Something odd was going on - so hopefully it won’t happen again.

I had Rob put a notice on the website.

If you do not see a video up on platforms like Rumble or YouTube, by 4;30 - you can always go check in on the website.

As we close out this Doctrine of Thorns, I find it helpful to put out an overview on the whole doctrine.

This is a message for overview notes that will pull the whole set of lessons together for you.

As we close it out let us look at the whole doctrine as seen throughout the Bible.

/Thorns are associated with the curse of both mankind and nature at the time of the fall. The first mentioned principle speaks to a curse of pain and struggle from rebellion against GOD —

Gen 3:18 “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;\

As I taught you recently - the first mentioned principle, is almost always used in a similar fashion wherever it appears later in scripture.

Unless otherwise led in a different direction by the original language or scripture that interprets it differently, which is very rare.

What you usually see is variation of the same theme, it was originally used for and the Doctrine of Thorns is a great example of this theological standard.

/Thorns are used to designate the cycles of divine discipline —

Judges 2:2 and as for you, you shall not make a covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.’ But **you have not obeyed Me;** what is this *thing that* you have done? 3 “Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out from you; but **they will become *like thorns* in your sides, and their gods will be a snare to you**.’”

(Num 33:55-56) \

All of the people in the land should have been conquered and this brings up the issue of a nation, handling a minority who reject the core laws or standards that uphold a nation.

If it doesn’t handle them properly they become a thorn to the nation.

/A Client Nation unto God can never destroy personal freedom. Yet there is a balance of law and order which encompasses founding documents and standards of sovereignty. A nation founded upon Christian principles, have a delicate balance of never losing their core standards while allowing freedom and opportunities for all of its citizens. This is first established by border control and citizenship being firmly established.\

When a person enters a country and desires citizenship they are stating they want to follow the laws of the land. As well as ingraining themselves into the fabric of that country, which means all laws, founding principles and national identity become part of who they are as well.

REPEAT

A Client Nation unto God allows freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression.

Those two freedoms do not include treasonous, verbal assaults and behaviors against the core standards and beliefs of that NATION!

If you become a citizen, or were born a citizen, you cannot expect to be repugnant toward that nation for a long period of time without repercussion.

Freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression do not cover attacks and incitement of treasonous behavior against the very country you are a citizen of.

/The nation who allows open borders and citizens to undermine the founding laws and fabric of foundational precedents will crumble over time. They will become a mixing pot of mob mentality, instead of a melting pot of unity. Differing opinions and beliefs are encouraged in a Client Nation unto God, yet never to the detrimental demise of its own heart and soul of foundational doctrines.\

This is why Divine Institution number 4 is very important for a Client Nation unto God.

When a Client Nation unto GOD rejects the 4 divine establishments, that nation begins to crumble from within first.

You can never fellowship with evil and expect a positive outcome.

/Thorns are used to designate the fifth cycle of discipline to a nation —

Isa 34:12 Its nobles— there is no one there *Whom* they may proclaim king—And all **its officials will be nothing**. 13 **Thorns will come up in its fortified towers**, Weeds and thistles in its fortified cities; It will also be a haunt of jackals *And* a habitat of ostriches.\

Remember the 5th cycle occurs after a long period of self-induced misery. Refusing to turn back to GOD the thorns will increase subtly in the first few cycles.

/Thorns are related to economic depression and recession under the cycles of discipline leading up to the final 5th cycle—

Jer 12:13 “**They have sown wheat but have harvested thorns, They have strained themselves to no profit**. So be ashamed of your produce Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.”\

Thorns are used for negative volition toward Bible doctrine —

/Prov 22:5 Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse; One who guards himself will be far from them.

Prov 26:9 *Like* a thorn *that* sticks in the hand of a heavy drinker, So is a proverb in the mouths of fools. \

Go to the NT – Matthew chapter 13 RF.

The thorns that often get overlooked are the negative choices that a Believer makes as they peel away from the plan of God.

Once a Christian has been in reversionism for a period of time we can note the thorns of misery turn into discipline.

/Heb 6:7 For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and **produces vegetation useful** to those for whose sake it is also tilled, **receives a blessing from God**; 8 but if **it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless** and **close to being cursed**, and it ends up being burned.\

Thorns are used for the details of life which causes distractions and then leads into negative volition toward doctrine.

Let us look into the parable of the Sower and the seeds, because it gives a great insight into worldly distractions turning into thorns for the Believer.

Mat 13:1 On that day Jesus had gone out of the house and was sitting by the sea.

[Mat 13:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/2/s_942002) And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

[Mat 13:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/3/s_942003) And He told them many things in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow;

/[Mat 13:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/4/s_942004) and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.

Sowing of the word of GOD falls upon the soil of the soul structure. The Unbel who refuse to listen to truth will never enter into heaven.\

[Mat 13:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/5/s_942005) “Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and they sprang up immediately, because they had no depth of soil.

A rocky ground points to a problem of hardness in the soul.

No depth of the soil, means they were Bels who crossed the salvation gate, yet they did not go beyond that point.

[Mat 13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/6/s_942006) “But after the sun rose, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

This defines the loser Believer.

/[Mat 13:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/7/s_942007) “**Others fell among the thorns**, and the **thorns came up and choked them out**.

The thorns point to the details and distractions of the world. Bels who are easily distracted by details of life.\

[Mat 13:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/8/s_942008) “But others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty *times as much.*

[Mat 13:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/9/s_942009) “The one who has ears, let him hear.”

Notice the good soil is referenced about a willing and open soul structure.

This lesson our LORD was teaching shows us the Unbels who never want to hear the truth, yet even when they do occasionally hear the gospel - they reject it!

Then we see the loser Bels described as those who are emotional and only pass the salvation gate.

The next one, is defined as a Bel who may have gained some ground and yet the distractions in the devil’s world pulls them away.

/Mat 13:22 “And the one sown *with seed* among **the thorns, this is the one who hears the word**, and **the anxiety of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word**, and it becomes unfruitful.\

Most true Christians fall under this principle of thorns choking out the word.

I believe this is much more common in Christianity that a lot of other issues.

/It is a very small pivot of Bels who maintain a steady, spiritual growth because most will be drawn away from truth by the details of life. Satan has great success exhausting and distracting Bels after salvation, by the details of life. Such as; a busy schedule, a thirst for wealth, or a strong desire for family and friends over BD. As well as the usual cosmic distractions of seeking popularity, going along to get along, social life and social justice ideologies.\

Satan loves to wear down the saints as is highlighted in Daniel 7:25.

These often become the 1Tmothy chapter 4 Christians.

They find churches that give a popular message and they can fit in and go along and get along.

/1Tim 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in **later times some will fall away from the faith**, paying attention to **deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,**

Christians who peel away from solid doctrinal teaching, often become victims of satanic teaching. This will increase as we roll into the end times.\

The fact is all the thorns of curses and discipline brought upon mankind is resolved by the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ wore a crown of thorns which signified being made a curse for us on the cross —

/Gal 3:13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us**—for it is written: “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—

Mat 27:29 And after **twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head**, and *put* a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” \

TLJC delivered us from the original curse.

In fact, within the 1,000 yrs of Christ on earth, yet to come - we see a removal of the thorns. Yet in the end, people will once again entangle themselves into thorns and thistles.

Then they will cry out to release Satan and his army at the end of the 1,000 yrs.

The earth itself will be brought back to perfection.

The Millennial deliverance of nature from the curse of the fall is expressed by the removal of thorns —

/Isa 55:13 “**Instead of the thorn bush, the juniper will come up**, And instead of the stinging nettle, the myrtle will come up; **And it will be a memorial to the LORD, An everlasting sign** which will not be eliminated.”

The earth itself will be like a fresh slate reflecting back to the time of the original Garden. Even the beginning stage will be filled with all BELS!\

/Ezk 28:24 “And **there will no longer be for the house of Israel a painful thorn** or a **hurtful thorn bush from any surrounding them who despised them**; then they will know that I am the Lord GOD.”

Israel (twelve tribes) will be regathered and celebrating traditions and feasts pointing backward to the work of Christ.\

Perfection will be on earth for the first time since the garden. Free will, will still be intact and therefore rebellion will spring its ugly head up once again.

That will be the last time!

Remember what I began the series with-

After the fall in the garden the animal kingdom, the water and vegetation were no longer abundantly easy for mankind to control and take advantage of.

The human body itself was no longer pure and trouble free.

/The paradise of the garden was lost. Now thorns, would be the difficulties and struggles mankind brought upon themselves. Perfection was lost because man wanted to go independent from the plan of GOD. Most of our thorns in life are self-inflicted.\

As I told you at the beginning, between the fall in the garden and then the flood of Genesis chapter 6 - the earth was completely shifted and drastically changed.

It will take the 2nd Advent of Christ to set it all back to perfection.

Everything always hinges on The Lord Jesus Christ…the center of the universe.