

2nd Epistle to the Thessalonians

The Coming of the Lord

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Reading

Chapters 1, 2 & 3

Opening Prayer

Questions to Consider

Foreword

The authorship of this Epistle continues to be debated. Regardless of whether it was written by Paul or some imitator, it focuses on two issues discussed in the First Epistle: persecution and the return of Jesus. The Thessalonian congregation continues to experience persecution and expects the imminent return of Jesus.

Chapter 1

1. The writer assures the persecuted and distressed congregation that God will give them rest when Jesus returns, and that Jesus will judge and punish with “eternal destruction” those who have not accepted God. What is your understanding of “rest” and “eternal destruction?”

Chapter 2

2. Some teachers had said “...that the day of the Lord has already begun.” 2 Thessalonians 2:2 This confused the church members. They did not know what they should do. How would you prepare for “the Day of the Lord?”

3. The author introduces “the man of lawlessness” here (verses 3-12). This concept is to be found nowhere else in the Bible. How do you interpret this concept? Why is it here and nowhere else?

Chapter 3

4. Some members of the congregation had stopped working because they believed that the end of time was near. The author says do not give them food unless they work. Is this right? Is it compassionate? What would have been your advice?

Closing Prayer