

# II Thessalonians 01 - (1:1-10)

## The Righteous Judgment of God

1. **Book Summary** – 47 verses – 3 chapters
  - a. Popular passage – “He who now letteth” – 2 Thess 2:7 → Who is he?
  - b. Dispensational context: Paul’s earliest writings, under grace–1 Thess 1:1
  - c. Theme –
    - i. The coming judgment of God → 1:9-10, 2:1, 2:16, 3:5
    - ii. Patient waiting → 1:7, 2:2, 2:15, 3:5
  - d. **Outline:**
    - i. 1 – The righteous judgment of God
    - ii. 2 – The mystery of iniquity / Hold the traditions
    - iii. 3 – Patient and orderly waiting for Christ
  
2. **2 Thess 1:1-10**
  - a. 1-2 – The introduction is exactly like the introduction to the first letter
  - b. 1:3 – they are doing well in faith and charity – 1 Thes 5:14
    - i. He thanks God for their growth: it is God working – Rom 10:17
  - c. 1:4 – patience in tribulation (longsuffering) – Rom 5:2-3, 2 Cor 12:9
  - d. 1:5-6 – The righteous judgment – justice demands resolution
    - i. “manifest token” – Why do bad things happen to good people?
    - ii. They were benefiting while the persecutors lost – Rom 2:5
    - iii. The world sees persecution as perdition - Phil 1:28
    - iv. The friendship of the world - Rom 8:7; Rom 12:2, (Jam 4:4)
  - e. 7 – “Rest with us, when...” - This is the coming of the Lord, which one?
    - i. The believers are not in the wrath – 1 Thess 1:10, 4:17, 5:9-10
    - ii. “with his mighty angels” - Col 1:16, 1 Peter 3:22
    - iii. Coming with the angels - Mark 8:38, Mat 13:40-43, 25:31-34
    - iv. The armies of heaven are with him - Rev 19:11-14
  - f. 8 – “vengeance on them” - God is not only a God of love – Nahum 1:2-3
    - i. It is not God’s fault people don’t know him – Rom 1:20,
    - ii. God commands repentance - Acts 17:26-31
    - iii. Unbelief is a rejection of God – Heb 11:6
    - iv. “know and obey” – Rom 1:5 – “obedience of faith” – Rom 1:17-18
    - v. The grace gospel says to work not = Rom 3:22,4:5,24, Titus 3:5
  - g. 9 – The punishment
    - i. “everlasting” – the word means perpetual – Mark 9:43-48
    - ii. Everlasting life and death - Mat 25:46, 1 Tim 1:16
    - iii. “presence of the Lord” – Mat 25:41
    - iv. “glory of his power” – darkness - Mat 22:13, Rev 20:10
  - h. 10 – “glorified in his saints”–not our goodness, but his goodness -Rom 5:8
    - i. Glory revealed in us is Christ’s - Rom 8:18, 16:27, Col 1:27
    - ii. To the praise of his glory - Eph 1:6,12,14