



God's Righteous Judgment & Reward I: 2nd Thessalonians 1:5-10
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Intro Revelation 6:9-11 an uneasy mind and the need to re think:

*those in heaven calling for vengeance?

*God willing to watch and wait while His own people are murdered?

Text 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10, HCSB

Speaking of the spiritual fruit of faith, hope and love being produced in the Thessalonian believers in the rocky soil of persecution and affliction, Paul continues:

5 It is a clear evidence of **God's righteous judgment** that you will be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also are suffering, 6 since **it is righteous for God to repay with affliction** those who afflict you 7 **and to reward with rest** you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, 8 taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from His glorious strength 10 in that day when He comes to be glorified by His •saints and to be admired by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed.

I. Righteous Judgment & Reward, Vs. 5-7a.

V 5, a clear evidence of God's righteous judgment...

V 6, it is righteous for God to repay with affliction

V 6, it is righteous for God to.....reward with rest you who are afflicted

Righteous = just, especially in God's eyes; what is in conformity to God's own being.
a person or thing as it ought to be

2nd Peter 2:4-9

...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment

Would a loving God really judge people?

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

...His work is perfect; all His ways are entirely just. A faithful God, without prejudice, He is righteous and true.

Revelation 16:4-7

...You are righteous.... they deserve it.... Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.

II. Empathy for those under God's Judgment

Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 33:11

...I take no pleasure in anyone's death." This is the declaration of the Lord God. "So repent and live".

Romans 9:2-3

I have intense sorrow and continual anguish in my heart....

Romans 10:1

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation....

III. The Ultimate Display of Both God's Justice & Mercy

Romans 3:10 ...none righteous, no, not one

Romans 6:23...the wages of sin is death

Romans 5:8 8 But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

IV. When Do Judgment and Reward Occur? Vs. 7b, 10

V. 7b, this will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven

V 10, in that day when He comes

The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ

Zechariah 14 & Malachi 4

Matthew 24-25they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

V. God's Glory:

Romans 9:22-24He did this to make known the riches of His glory

Romans 11:33-36 ... To Him be glory forever. Amen.

*Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and untraceable His ways!*