

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan**II THESSALONIANS 1*****II Thessalonians 1***

The apostle had to leave Thessalonica in a hurry because of the great persecution and threats to his life and safety. He went to Berea, not far from the Capital, Thessalonica, only to be followed by the thugs who had tried to harm him earlier. Having arrived at Corinth, he was so concerned for the welfare of these beloved people that he sent Timothy to see if they were being faithful to the Lord and their commitment to Him or if the persecution had caused them to stumble. To the great joy of Paul, his beloved Thessalonians were not just surviving but thriving under the stiff persecution by the enemies of the cross. Soon after Timothy's return and the good report he brought, he received word that a new strategy was being used to turn them away from the Lord Jesus and to make Paul a liar to discredit him.

Paul had sought to teach and be clear that the Lord Jesus would return before the great and awesome **Day of the LORD** and that those days were not to be feared but rather an occasion to look forward to in the future.

The church in Thessalonica was going through great suffering, hardship, and persecution. No doubt their enemies were taunting them and saying that Paul had deceived them and that the Day of the LORD was already upon them. II Thessalonians was written for explanation and clarification concerning this matter. He further assured them that for those who were persecuting them, God would take vengeance upon them, and they would stand before Him in wrath. He began to remind them what he had told them about God's righteousness and justice and then ended the chapter with these words of God's faithfulness and their reward.

"Therefore, we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." (vv.11-12)



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Prayer and Action Steps

Lord Jesus, thank You for never leaving or forsaking us in our times of trouble and persecution. Thank You for keeping us in the palm of Your hand. Help me to live faithfully in Your will and be ready for Your coming anytime. Amen