

FINDING ENCOURAGEMENT IN DIFFICULT TIMES:
Faith's endurance is an evidence God will bring eternal retribution
on our persecutors and give us glorious relief
2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

- I. *Realize* **OUR ENDURING FAITH IN SUFFERING FOR CHRIST POINTS CLEARLY TO THE REALITY OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT TO COME UPON OUR PERSECUTORS (5a)**

- II. *Remember* **OUR ENDURING FAITH IN SUFFERING FOR CHRIST REVEALS WE HAVE BEEN COUNTED WORTHY OF HIS KINGDOM (You are truly His and in His Kingdom!) (5b)**

- III. **SO THEN WAIT PATIENTLY, knowing OUR ULTIMATE RELIEF FROM SUFFERING FOR CHRIST COMES WHEN HE COMES AND SINNERS ARE ETERNALLY RECOMPENSED (judged for their sin), as we glory and marvel at His Coming, which we believed (6-10)**
 - A. **Why does this eternal retribution happen?** It is the right thing for God to repay our afflictors with affliction and give us eternal rest from our affliction (6-7a)

 - B. **When does this eternal retribution begin?** When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in glory (7b, 10)

 - C. **Who will be repaid in judgment?** Those who do not know God and those who do not obey (rejected His offer of salvation) the gospel of or Lord Jesus? (8)

 - D. **What will this eternal retribution look like?** They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction in hell, separated forever from Him and His glorious might (9, misc. passages)

 - E. **What will it be like for us?** The day He comes we will be glory in Him and marvel at Him, because we believed His Word!!! (10)