

2 Thessalonians

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

There is no reference to “Yahweh” in the right column of this book.

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<p>1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: `</p> <p>2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;</p> <p>4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:</p> <p>5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:</p> <p>6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;</p> <p>7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,</p> <p>8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:</p> <p>9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;</p>	<p>1:1 From Paul,¹ and Silvanus (Silas), and Timotheus (Timothy), to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:</p> <p>2 grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>3 We thank God for you always, fellow believers, as is right, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all toward each other abounds,</p> <p>4 so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure.</p> <p>5 These are a clear token of the righteous judgment of God that you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God for which you suffer,</p> <p>6 since it is righteous for God² to repay with tribulation those who trouble you.</p> <p>7 And you who are troubled will receive peace and joy along with us, when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,</p> <p>8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and who do not obey the gospel (good news) of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power</p>

<p>10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.</p> <p>11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:</p> <p>12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>10 when he will come, to be glorified in his saints (those who believe in him) and to be admired in all those who believe (because our testimony among you was believed) on that day.</p> <p>11 Therefore we pray also always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of God's goodness, and the work of faith with power,</p> <p>12 so 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.</p>
<p>2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,</p> <p>2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.</p> <p>3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;</p> <p>4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.</p> <p>5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?</p> <p>6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.</p> <p>7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.</p> <p>8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:</p> <p>9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,</p> <p>10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.</p> <p>11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:</p> <p>12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.</p> <p>13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God</p>	<p>2:1 Now we implore you, fellow believers, regarding the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together with him,</p> <p>2 that you not be easily shaken in your minds, or troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by a letter supposedly from us, saying that the day of Christ is here.</p> <p>3 Let no one deceive you by any means. For Christ will not come until after there has been a rebellion against God, and the anti-Christ has been revealed for what it is.</p> <p>4 The anti-Christ will oppose and exalt itself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped and will claim itself to be in place of God.</p> <p>5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you all these things?</p> <p>6 The revealing of the anti-Christ will come when it is time.</p> <p>7 The mystery of iniquity already is at work, and the anti-Christ will be revealed.</p> <p>8 Then that wickedness will be revealed, which the Christ, when it is revealed, will consume with its spirit, and will destroy with the brightness of its presence.</p> <p>9 The Christ will destroy what is due to the working of the anti-Christ with all its power and signs and lying wonders.</p> <p>10 The anti-Christ will wickedly deceive those who will perish because they do not love the truth so that they might be saved.</p> <p>11 They will be strongly deluded into believing a lie.</p> <p>12 They are all damned who do not believe the truth, but take pleasure in unrighteousness.</p> <p>13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you fellow believers beloved of God, for God has from the beginning chosen you to be saved</p>

<p>hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.</p>	<p>through sanctification, having the spirit of God and believing the truth. 14 God called you by our gospel so that you could share the glory of our Lord Christ Jesus. 15 Therefore, fellow believers, stand fast and hold to the traditions which you have been taught, whether by our preaching or our letter to you. 16 Now may our Lord Christ Jesus himself and God our Father, which has loved us, and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.</p>
<p>3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. 5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. 6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. 7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; 8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: 9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are</p>	<p>3:1 Finally, fellow believers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread without obstacles, and be glorified throughout the world, even as it is with you. 2 And pray for us that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked people, for all people do not have faith. 3 But God is faithful, who will establish you, and keep you from evil. 4 And we have confidence in God regarding you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we are strongly telling you. 5 And may the Lord direct your hearts to love God, and to wait patiently for Christ. 6 Now we tell you, fellow believers in the name of our Lord Christ Jesus, to withdraw yourselves from all fellow believers who live in a disorderly manner, and not according to the tradition which they received from us. 7 For you know how you ought to imitate us. For we did not engage in disorderly behavior among you. 8 Neither did we eat any person's food without paying for it, but toiled night and day, so that we would not have to owe any of you. 9 We did this not because we do not have the right to ask you to support us, but to set a good example for you to follow. 10 For when we were with you, we said that if any persons would not work, neither should they eat. 11 For we hear that there are some among you who live in a disorderly manner, and do not work at all, but are busybodies.</p>

<p>busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. 14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. 16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. 17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.</p>	<p>12 Now we command those persons and exhort them by our Lord Jesus Christ, that they work quietly and eat at their own expense. 13 Fellow believers, do not be weary in well-doing. 14 And if any persons do not obey our teaching in this letter, note those persons, and do not keep them company, so that they may be ashamed. 15 Yet do not count them as enemies, but rather admonish them as fellow believers. 16 Now the Lord of peace give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. 17 I, Paul, write the salutation with my own hand, which is my proof that it is I who write. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.</p>
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¹ (1:1) Mainstream Bible scholars agree that the Apostle Paul did not write 2 Thessalonians.

² (1:6) It does not seem consistent that the God, who “sends rain on the just and the unjust” (Matthew 5:45) “will repay with tribulation those who trouble you.” Some would say that the God who is unconditional Love would not afflict anyone with tribulation: it is only the material sense of sinners which suffers tribulation. The author of 2 Thessalonians seems to have retained to some degree an Old Testament concept of Deity.