## 2 Thessalonians 1 King James Version (KJV)

(Thessalonians are the first 2 epistles of Paul) (Written soon after the first epistle) (Written to clarify how we gather back to Jesus at the Second Advent. Some people were confused by the first epistle)

**1** Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: (They were converted from idol worshippers to Christians by Paul)

<sup>2</sup>Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Peace of mind, through knowing the truth; why we're here, what this life is all about)

<sup>3</sup>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; (They continue to grow in their knowledge of the scriptures. They live in God's Word and blessings flow)

<sup>4</sup>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: (Troubles always come along in life. They work through it patiently. The world hates Christians)

<sup>5</sup>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:

<sup>6</sup>Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; (God protects His own. Those who trouble Christians will see their own troubles in due time)

<sup>7</sup>And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, (Be patient. God's plan will unfold to the world in due time. The world will see it for themselves)

- <sup>8</sup> In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (God's vengeance will fall upon the evil ones)
- <sup>9</sup>Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; (No one can save themselves. Those who fight against God will be gone)
- <sup>10</sup> 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. (Those who believe in God will be rewarded)
- "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: (We pray that all Christians will remain faithful to God when the troubles of the end times come)
- <sup>12</sup>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.