

After listening to the recording of Class #3 of our continuing study of Second Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

Second Thessalonians Class #3

#1. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

- A. How will God respond to those who afflict you for doing what is righteous?
- B. Why is this just? Why is it fair? What if we give up on what is right and take revenge?
- C. What does God offer those who are afflicted?
- D. Are you grateful the Lord will bring relief?
- E. Does God know how much you can endure?
- F. If we respond as faithful servants, do these afflictions bring us spiritual growth?
- G. Who all is coming to deal out retribution?
- H. What distinctions are made concerning those who will receive retribution?
- I. Why are unloving people worthy of retribution from the Lord? Is unloving tempting?
- J. Why are those who refuse to obey the gospel worthy of retribution from the Lord?
- K. Do we love the Lord whole-heartedly enough to love one another?
- L. Should our everyday lives be a spiritual reflection of the gospel of Jesus?
- M. How can we be assured we are Loving the Lord & Living the Gospel with our lives?
- N. What attitudes and actions show our love of the gospel?
- O. How do you picture the image of Jesus being revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire? How many mighty angels do you imagine being with Him?

#2. Read Hebrews 1:13-14

- A. Who is greater: Jesus [the Son of God] OR angels?
- B. What is the purpose of all ministering spirits (angels)?
- C. Who will inherit salvation? Could they render service to you?

#3. Read Romans 12:19-21

- A. Is it ever righteous for us to take our own revenge on others who hurt us?
- B. Who is qualified to execute vengeance? Who is not?
- C. How should we respond when others afflict us? Should we live the gospel of Jesus?

#4. Read Luke 23:33-38 & Acts 7:54-60

- A. How did Jesus respond when others mocked & afflicted Him?
- B. How did Stephen respond while being martyred? Who did Stephen learn from most?
- C. Did Stephen "live" the gospel out of love for the Lord? Did Saul need to see this?
- D. How can we better live the gospel out of love for the Lord when being afflicted?