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The more abundant life is in spiritual understanding.

You must aggressively seek the Word in everything that you do.

The Word in our minds is the standard for whether or not we are in control.

Control is a decision based on the Word not a feeling.

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II Thessalonians 1:6 – tribulations – thlipsis (noun)

Trouble – thlibo (verb) – to put stress upon

FOS polyptiton – meaning that God will repay pressure for those who pressure you.

1:7 – trouble – thlipsis

rest – anesis – release

This refers to the second part of the second coming.

Matthew 25:31 – second coming (Day of the Lord) We have already been judged, even today.

25:32-34 – The believers are in the right hand of God, which is the hand of blessing, and the unbelievers are in the left hand of God, which is the hand of cursing.

16:27 – This is the Day of the Lord, when He returns in the glory of the Father and with his saints.

II Thessalonians 1:7 – The Peshitta text reads “power of Angels”

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II Thessalonians 1:7-10

And to you who are [were] troubled rest [are at rest] with us, when [at the time] the Lord Jesus shall be revealed [Apokalupsis] from heaven with his mighty angels [angelon dunameos, meaning “messengers of his power”; both angels and Church saints],

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When [after] he shall [have] come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired I all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

These words could not be more plain. They definitely do not deal with the parousia of Christ for his Church, but with the appearing of Christ later at the revelation appearing, Apokalupsis, of himself on the earth. If we read the scriptures relating to the coming of Christ for his Church and interpret them as referring to the coming of Christ with his Church to the earth, we remain ignorant of the blessed Hope [Titus 2:13 “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”] and find ourselves fearful and frustrated.

When Christ returns with his gathered saints, there will be two resurrections, one for the just and another for the unjust.

John 5:28 and 29:

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

“in flaming fire” – should go with verse 7 not verse 8. In the Greek it reads “Fire of flame”. In the Aramaic it reads “Flame of fire”- this is used many times in the Old and New Testament. Fire represents the presence of God in manifestation. Flame and fire represent God’s righteous judgment and the purity of that judgment.

Luke 3:16, 17 – The fire here is used to separate the wheat from the chaff.

Exodus 3:2 – Here the fire in the bush represented God’s presence and the flame and fire represented his judgment over Israel.

Isaiah 66:15-18 – This begins with the presence of God and develops into the judgment of God.

Acts 7:30 – Once again the presence of the Lord is manifest in fire.

Daniel 7:9-11 – This is a prophecy concerning the judgment of the beast.

Hebrews 1:7 – The angels execute the judgment after the sentence has been handed down.

II Thessalonians 1:7 – The emphasis is on the genitive i.e. “POWERFUL angels in a flaming FIRE”

Those that are pressured today will get release from that pressure and those who do the pressuring will have an eternal headache.

1:8 – vengeance – edkidesis – (related to the word justice). The execution of right hand justice, the firm administering of unwavering justice, the inflicting of full justice on the criminal.

Luke 18:7 – God shall avenge us we need not be concerned with the score as He will make sure that we win in the end.

21:22 – The days of vengeance mean that God will take care of business when it is time to take care of business.

Romans 12:19 – Don’t be concerned about vengeance because that is God’s job and he does his job.

II Thessalonians 1:8 – know – oida – to be acquainted with.

Titus 1:16 – profess – oida

Romans 6:17 – You have obeyed from the heart. People can profess that they know God but they have to obey from the heart before it is actually true.

II Thessalonians 1:9 – be punished – they will pay the penalty. The bad guys are not really getting away with anything, because at end game they will have to pay for what they have done.

Matthew 7:21-23 – Once again you have to walk the walk and talk the talk. Talking without walking will get you absolutely nowhere except down. God will hear them out, he is not just going to judge them and give them a toss, he will give them a chance to give a defense.

II Thessalonians 1:9 – They will pay for what they have done but God is a just God and he will hear their testimony.

Glory of His power – the emphasis is on “glory” but not necessarily in protection, but it is on “GLORIOUS POWER”

1:10 – when He shall (have) come – is the proper translation due to context.

Saints – holy ones

Admiring – in amazement

FOS epitrechon – parenthetical addition not complete in itself.

Testimony – witness

In that day – is grammatically misplaced because this is referring to the gathering together.

1:11 – worthy – axioo – to balance, judge worthy
good pleasure – free and willing purpose with a good desire
goodness – his moral excellence, inner sterling worth always used of men not God.
The work of believing includes the manifestation of believing.

1:12 – You walk worthy to the name and character of Jesus Christ can be glorified in you.
Grace is the standard in our walk. We must be strong in grace.
Rewards – to be glorified by Him.

We ought to set our lives as a sterling example of moral excellence.

II Thessalonians 1:5 – You and I are the ones that keep it all going by watching the details and becoming that example of sterling excellence when we do that rewards are laid up for us.