

“Affliction Reversed at the Lord’s Coming” (2 Thessalonians 1:6–12)

Big Idea: The returning Jesus will display his glory by reversing his people’s afflictions and repaying his enemies.

I. Assurance: Jesus’ revelation from heaven will recompense both his people and their persecutors. (verses 6–10)

a. God’s justice will turn the tables for both persecutors and persecuted. (verses 6–7a)

b. This will be accomplished by Jesus’ return in visible power and glory. (verse 7b–8a)

Matthew 16:27; 24:29–31; 25:31–32; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

c. All who have opposed Jesus will experience his everlasting vengeance. (verses 8–9)

Isaiah 66:15–16; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; John 5:28–29; Matthew 7:23; 22:13; 25:10–12, 30, 41; Revelation 14:9–11; Isaiah 2:10–12, 17–21

d. All who have believed in Jesus will enjoy his awesome glory. (verse 10)

Psalms 68:35; 89:7; 2 Thessalonians 2:14

II. Prayer: God’s work now will glorify Jesus and his people then. (verses 11–12)

a. The apostle prays that God’s grace will indeed fit believers for their calling. (verse 11a)

b. He prays that God’s grace will do so through their godly intentions and works. (verse 11b)

c. He prays that thus God’s grace will glorify both the Lord Jesus and his saints. (verse 12)

Psalms 91:1–2, 8, 14–16