**Lesson Eight (January 27, 2016)**

**2 Thessalonians**

**Text:** Chapters 1 & 3 of Second Thessalonians

**Summary of Text:**

**Questions:**

1. In 1:1-2 what does Paul say about the Father and Jesus?
2. Why does Paul give thanks (1:3)?
3. What are the reasons for Paul’s boasting (1:4)?
4. What is the evidence Paul mentions in 1:5?
5. Does 1:6 surprise you?
   1. Should God NOT want to inflict vengeance?
   2. Explain
6. Who will be with Jesus when he returns (1:7)?
7. Why does Paul mention “flaming fire” in 1:8?
8. 1:8 is a powerful verse for evangelism -- list the two groups who will suffer vengeance from Jesus and His mighty angels?
   1. Does it surprise us that “those who do not know God” are in there?
      1. If we are atheists and it turns out there is a God, would it surprise us this could end badly?
   2. But what about the second group -- these are not atheists -- but they have not done what?
      1. Is it fair to inflict vengeance on this group of people who believe in God?
      2. What does this tell us about the importance of the Gospel of Jesus?
9. How does 1:9 describe the vengeance?
10. Explain the meaning of 1:10.
11. How does 1:11 tie in with the previous verse(s)?
12. What is going on in 1:12?
13. Skip to Chapter 3:1-2 -- why does Paul want their prayers?
14. What is the difference in 3:3 with 3:2 about faith?
15. In 3:4 is Paul only confident about the present state of his audience or does he look into the future?
16. What does 3:5 mean to you?
17. What lesson is being driven home in 3:6-10?
    1. What about those who can’t work?
    2. What is the overall principle being taught?
18. What is the problem in 3:11?
19. The solution in 3:12 is for those folks to do what?
20. What danger exists in 3:13?
21. What lessons do you learn from 3:14-15 about those who do not obey what Paul says in the letter?
22. Describe how vast (or narrow) is Paul’s statement in 3:16.
    1. How does this make you feel?
23. Why do you think 3:17 is included in the text?
24. Is 3:18 a good pattern to model?
    1. Is this something we say to each other?
    2. Why or why not?

**Your questions, comments, and thoughts?**

**What are the practical lessons for you today?**