



*Studies in 2 Thessalonians #2*  
**Encouragement Under Fire**  
**Part 2**

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12  
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**Introduction:** *Remember the background and context of this passage.*

- *They were still baby Christians.*
- *They had lots of questions.*
- *A false letter had confused them. (2:1-2)*
- *They were under intense persecution.*

I. The encouragement of praise (1:1-4) – *last week*

II. The encouragement of promise (1:5-10)

A. God promises a future reward. (1:5)

B. God promises recompense. (1:6, 7b-9)

1. Recompense means “to repay.”

2. Recompense to the unbeliever is paid in kind.

3. It is a righteous act for God to judge sin and condemn sinners.

4. The word vengeance must not be confused with revenge.

C. God promises rest. (1:7a & 10)

III. The encouragement of prayer. (1:11-12)

A. Paul prayed for their worthiness. (1:11a)

B. Paul prayed for their walk. (1:11b)

C. Paul prayed for their witness. (1:12)

**Conclusion:**

- *There is no peace for the wicked. (Isaiah 48:22)*
- *For the Christian, the best is yet to come.*
- *Don't be discouraged by trials, persecution and opposition. (Romans 8:18)*