

We will now begin the sixth lecture on 2 Thessalonians. /At this time we will begin with 2 Thessalonians 2:9.

/Read 2:9. /The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

/The “lawless one” here is the “man of lawlessness” in verse 3. /They are the false prophets and false christs. /These cults will deceive people with their powers, signs, and false miracles. /Therefore, we must not follow after powers or signs.

/We must follow the Bible in the Last Days. /The devil attempts to deceive chosen believers in the Last Days. /Matthew 24:24. /We must be careful not to be deceived.

/If we are deceived by cults, we will lose all our faith. /Luke 9:25. /Hence, we will lose everything of us that is like Jesus. /Our time, spiritual gifts, and possessions will all be taken away. /Cults are like wolves in sheep clothing.

/Still, we can discern who the wolves are. /We must not debate with cult members. /We must not even greet them. /2 John 10. /If you are not sure about something, go ask your senior pastor.

/You must also not go have Bible study wherever. /Cults deceive believers by saying, “Let’s go have Bible study.” /Bible studies are good. /However, there are bad people who teach cult teachings through Bible studies. /Therefore, we must be careful about joining Bible studies.

/Verse 10. /and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

/False prophets and false christs deceive people with every sort of evil. /Hence, those who do not love the truth or stand in the truth are deceived. /If we do not have solid faith in the truth of the Bible, we will be deceived and fall.

/The devil is the spirit of deceit. /The devil has been a liar from the beginning. /John 8:44. /We must discern the works of the Holy Spirit from the works of Satan. /We must not chase after miracles. /We must follow the Bible.

/We must receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit. /Anything that does not agree with the Bible is the work of the devil. /For example, the Bible clearly says that there is heaven and hell. /However, “Jehovah’s Witnesses” claim that there is no hell.

/Jehovah’s Witnesses do not believe in Jesus and they do not believe in the Holy Spirit. / They believe in the Lord alone. /This is wrong. /God allow us to believe in him the Father through faith in Jesus.

/We receive forgiveness of our sins through Jesus, and hence, we are able to go before

God our Father. /If we do not believe in Jesus, we do not believe in God the Father.

/Therefore, Jehovah's Witnesses are wrong. /They deceive people with every sort of evil. /We must love the truth.

/Verses 11-12. /For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

/God allows deceivers to deceive others. /Why does God allow people to deceive others? /First, it is so that he would just those who do not believe in the word of the truth.

/Second, it is so that God would judge those who do not use their conscience and love wickedness. /Therefore, we must stand firm in the truth and use the good conscience, and then we will not be deceived by the devil.

/The weeds and the wheat are separated through the work of deceit. /Those who follow after cults and are deceived will be judged by God because they are weeds. /We must not follow lies. /We must follow the truth.

/We must walk down the path of righteousness. /True believe must always be awake in spirit and walk according to God's word. /We must pray a lot and love the truth. /We must throw away our greed.

/Even if someone says, "If you go here, the dead will come to life," we must not believe them. /If someone says, "If you go here, you will be healed of your sickness," we must not follow them. /We must not follow such miracles, but follow God's word.

/Verse 13. /But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

/Paul always thanked God for the church at Thessalonica. /They were chosen believers. /They were clothed with the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. /They received salvation through belief in the truth.

/The believers at Thessalonica received God's love. /God saved them. /Therefore, Paul was thankful that they were not deceived by lies. /We must be thankful that we did not fall to the seat of destruction. /We have been born again through the Holy Spirit. /1 Peter 1:22, 23.

/Verse 14. /He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

/God chose the believers at Thessalonica. /He also called them through the gospel. /Hence, we were saved. /Then he allowed us to receive the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

/Believers will participate in the glory of Christ.

/Believers will receive the inheritance in the kingdom of heaven. /Those who believe Jesus will receive this blessing. /How thankful must we be for this? /This is God's freely given grace. /Therefore, we must give thanks and praises to God.

/Verse 15. /So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

/Believers must stand firm on the faith of the truth. /We must not be deceived by false prophets and false christs. /We must persevere through hardships and trials, and we must win.

/Here it says, "hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter." /"By word" refers to the teachings of the apostles. /"By letter" refers to the letters of the apostles, or the Bible.

/Paul taught the church at Thessalonica the gospel through words. /Then he wrote a letter, which is the book of 1 Thessalonians. /The "teachings" are the correct truth of the gospel of the Bible. /It is the tradition of keeping the Bible. /We must follow correct traditions. / We must follow the truth of the Bible.

/Verse 16. /May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

/Our God loved us. /He gave us eternal encouragement. /This is spiritual encouragement. /God also gave us good hope by his grace.

/This is eternal hope, /and the hope of resurrection. /It is the hope of becoming more and more like Jesus. /This is the hope of receiving inheritance in heaven. /These blessings come from God the Father and Jesus the Son.

/Verse 17. /encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

/It says, "strengthen you in every good deed and word," and this means that believers must live according to God's will in this world. /Our words and actions must be good word and good actions. /We must do good works.

/Here it also says, "strengthen you." /This is achievement. /This is success. /This is the good work that believe do in this world, and it is the work of god. /Paul prayed that believers would accomplish good works and the work of God. /We must pray so that we would accomplish good works.

/We will continue with 2 Thessalonians chapter 3. /The title of chapter 3 is "Glory."
/Glory. /Let's look at the main points.

/First, prayer. /Verses 1-2. /Second, confidence and hope. /Verses 3-5. /Third, keep away from idleness.

/This is in verse 6. Read verse 6. /In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

/What does it say about idleness here? /Third, keep away from idleness. /Verses 6-9. /Fourth, encourage those who do not work. /Verses 10-12. /Fifth, continue to do good. /Verses 13-16. /Sixth, greetings and blessings. /Verses 17-18.

/Read verse 1. /Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

/Paul lastly asked the believers at Thessalonica to pray. /He asked them to pray for two things. /First, he told them to pray that the message of the Lord would spread rapidly and be honored. /The second is in verse 2.

/The word of the Lord spread well throughout the church at Thessalonica. /God's word was alive and working. /Paul hoped that the gospel would be preached well throughout other regions as well. /The church must help pastors like Paul who work hard for the gospel.

/Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms. /Exodus 17:12. /In the same way, many churches must work together to preach the gospel. /To "spread rapidly" refers to the quick spreading of the gospel.

/To "be honored" means that God's work will take place in believers. /Believers must act according to God's word. /The light of God's word will shine through believers.

/The word of the Lord will be honored through the acts and lives of believers in places where the Bible is preached. /God's word will be honored through the acts and lives of believers. /We too must make sure that God's word is honored. /Believers must act in ways that glorify God.

/Verse 2. /And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith.

/This is the second thing Paul prayed for. /He prayed that we would be delivered from wicked and evil men. /This world is filled with wicked and evil people. /They interfered and persecuted believers when they preached the gospel.

/Therefore, Paul prayed that God would deliver the believers from these evil men. /Paul prayed that God would deliver us from evil. /God will surely deliver us when we pray in this way. /2 Corinthians 1:10.

/Paul said that not everyone has faith. /Ephesians 2:8. /Romans 8:30. /Only the chosen people will believe and be saved. /The chosen will receive the gospel and believe. /Those who believe that Jesus is Christ are those who have been chosen.

/How can we know if we have been chosen or not? /Have you been chosen? /Whoever believes that Jesus is Christ is chosen. /1 John 5:1. /God gives faith to the chosen as a gift.

/We have been saved through faith in Jesus. /God saves us. /Therefore, we do not need to worry. /God surely saves his chosen people.

/Verse 3. /But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

/Our Lord is a faithful God. /The Lord strengthens us. /He helps us stand firm in faith. /He saves us from the wicked. /Our God is eternally unchanging. /Hebrews 13:8.

/Verse 4. /We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.

/The church at Thessalonica believed and did works. /1 Thessalonians 1:3. /They put Paul's teachings into action. /Paul believed that the believers would continue to do good works. /God reveals the truth to those who hope for the truth. /We must put our hope in the truth and obey. /God will reveal more truth to us when we obey.

/Verse 5. /May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

/We who receive the Lord's guidance have good hearts. /Our good hearts receive the Lord's guidance. /Proverbs 16:32. /Here it says, "God's love." /Believers must live in God's love.

/They must also live with God's love. /We must love God. /We must love our neighbors. /It says, "Christ's perseverance." /We can persevere through all hardships if we live for Jesus.

/We must follow the Lord and persevere. /Revelation 1:9. /James 1:4. /Therefore, believers must participate in Christ's suffering, and must persevere with Christ's perseverance. /When we participate in Christ's perseverance, we will participate in Christ's power and glory. /2 Timothy 1:11, 12.

/Verse 6. /In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

/Paul commanded in the authority of the name of Jesus. /Therefore, anyone who defies this command, defies Jesus' command. /There were people in the church at Thessalonica

who were idle. /“Who is idle” refers to those who do not keep orders or manners.

/We believers must keep orders and manners in the church and in society. /This is Jesus’ command. /We must leave those who are idle. /It also says, “the teaching you received from us.” /This is the correct traditions that the believers received through Paul.

/Verse 7. /For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you,

/Paul was not idle when he did God’s work. /Paul was an example to the church. /Therefore, we too must follow Paul’s example and not be idle.

/Verse 8. /nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

/Paul was not idle and he especially was not a burden to anyone else. /We must not be a burden to anyone else. /Paul also worked day and night so that he could pay for his food.

/Paul sometimes used his own money when he evangelized. /Acts 18:3. /20:33. /1 Corinthians 9:15-18. /Paul did not always use his own money for mission work. /Sometimes, the church and believers sent him money, which he used for mission work.

/Paul used it to evangelize. /Pastors must not expect to served by others. /However, believers must work hard to treat their pastors well. /Pastors must not do worldly work, but only do God’s work.

/Then believers must collect money and give it to pastors so that they could make a living. /Believers must work hard so that they are not a burden to others. /We must work hard and help others.

/Verse 9. /We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

/Paul had authority of an apostle of God. /Paul had the right to receive financial help from believers. /1 Corinthians 9:4-6. /Paul worked with his own hands as he evangelized. /However, sometimes Paul used money from the church of Philippi for his living expenses. /Philippians 4:10-19.

/Verse 10. /For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

/It says that if a man will not work, he shall not eat. /God made Adam and his descendants toil and sweat for food. /Genesis 3:19. /Whoever does not want to work does not have the right to eat. /We must work hard in our faith.

/We must also work hard in the world. /Then we must make sure that we are not a burden

to others. /We must earn money for our own living expenses. /Then we must help others.

/Verses 11-12. /We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.

/There were idle people among the believers at Thessalonica. /Among them, there were those who wanted to eat but not work. /They were a burden to other believers.

/We must quietly work and eat our food. /Some people say that Jesus' return is near, and they do not work. /They say, "Quit your jobs." /"Don't earn money." /"Don't get married." /"Don't go to school." /"Jesus' return is near."

/It is true that Jesus' return is near. /Even if Jesus' return is near, we must do what we must do. /Even if Jesus were to come today, we must continue to have faith and continue to work.

/Carrying out the responsibilities and duties that God entrusted onto us is faith. /This is the way we can prepare well for Jesus Christ's return.

/Verse 13. /And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

/We must never get tired of doing good. /It is easy to become tired if we do not quickly see fruit of our good deeds. /What will we reap when we sow goodness? /We will harvest goodness. /If we sow evil, we will harvest evil.

/God allows us to reap what we sow. /Galatians 6:9. /When we plant seeds, we must wait months for harvest. /In the same way, we must wait and work hard.

/We must not be discouraged in faith when we plant goodness but do not quickly harvest goodness. /When we plant goodness and wait, God will surely allow us to harvest goodness.

/Verses 14-15. /If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

/"Our instruction in this letter" is the apostles' teachings. /This is God's word of revelation. /Whoever does not obey the apostles' instructions does not obey God's word. /It says, do not associate with those who do not obey God's word.

/It says that they must be ashamed. /However, we must not regard them as enemies, but warn them. /We must discipline those who do wrong. /We must do this so that we can build up morals in the church.

/We must discipline those who do wrong so that they do not damage the salvation

movement. /We must also encourage and help those who wrong so that they would repent.

/Verse 16. /Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

/Our Jesus is the Lord of peace. /He gives us peace. /He gives us peace at all times and in every way. /Sometimes, we face hardships and pain in this world. /God comforts us in the midst of our hardships.

/The Lord gives us peace and rest in our hearts. /The peace that our Jesus gives us comes from heaven. /It is true peace that comes from within the heart.

/Therefore, we can overcome and surpass all circumstances through the peace that God gives us. /Paul prayed that God would give peace to the believers at the church at Thessalonica. /We must also pray for peace for others.

/It also says, “The Lord be with all of you.” /Our Jesus will be always be with us until the world comes to an end. /I pray that you will all enjoy peace from Jesus.

/Verse 17. /I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write.

/Paul personally sent his greeting with his own hand. /Paul had eye troubles. /Thus, when Paul recorded the Bible, someone wrote it for him. /Then Paul wrote the last few words to prove that he wrote the letter.

/Paul put a distinguishing mark in all his letters to show that he recorded the Bible. /It proved that the letters were written with apostolic authority.

/Verse 18. /The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

/It is grace that we have been saved through Jesus Christ. /Paul prayed that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ would be on the believers. /We can live with faith by the grace of Christ’s redemption and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

/We can walk victoriously with faith through the grace of the Lord. /Therefore, we must pray that others would also receive the grace of Jesus Christ. /We must live by the grace of Jesus Christ.

/Jesus will return. /It is now the Last Days. /Therefore, we must stand firm in our faith. / We must love the Lord and give thanks. /We must give thanks and praise God for his grace.

/We must hold onto our faith and triumph even in times of hardships. /I pray that the grace of Jesus Christ would be with you all.

/With this we will conclude the last lecture on Thessalonians. /Thank you.