

STANDING OUT: Stand Expectantly

2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

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Escalation is Relieved by Expectation

1. Expect an Imminent **Revealing** (5, 7-8)

2. Expect an Impending **Repayment** (5-9).

3. Expect an Immediate **Relief** (7, 10).

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This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

⁶since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

¹⁰when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. (ESV)

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Discussion Questions:

1. What about our current times concerns you? Why do you feel like God is not in control? How does this passage help us have our concerns relieved?
2. Where do you currently see injustice in our world? This injustice could happen at multiple levels: Personal relationships, teacher-pupil, citizen-government, etc. Do you ever long to lash out or get even? How does this passage cause you to rest in God's ultimate and impending justice? How does this change your perspective toward those who cause the harm?
3. This passage points the believer to ultimate relief in Christ. Verse 10 shows that Christ is coming, and verse 7 tells us that he will bring with him immediate relief. What are some marks of this relief in 1 Thessalonians 4:17?

Quote for the Week. . .

by C.H. Spurgeon



“Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stop, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”