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1 and 2 Thessalonians

NT #4 Be Not Soon Shaken in Mind, or Be Troubled

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Acts 17

They were accused of sedition (17:7) and had to leave the city

Acts 17:6 - these men who have turned the world "upside down"
 Jonah 3:4 40 days and Nineveh will be turned "upside down"
 prayers: 1-5

1 Th. ~~ch 1~~ [Ch 1] they thought it worthwhile to turn away from idolatry to accept the Living God [and Paul & his companions showed Thanksgiving them (as Christ showed his followers) that Christian leadership is accomplished through humble service.] 2:1-12

(ch 2) 2:13-16 Not only the leaders, but all members, are following the example of Jesus → Jewish Christians are persecuted by the Jews with the same attitudes of those who killed Jesus, and the Thess. are persecuted by their fellow Greeks. → similar reasons, although the persecutors are different

3:11-13
 * apostolic blessing for (priesthood)
 - Love
 - Holiness
 - Hope

5:23-24, 28
 may God:
 sanctify you
 preserve you
 send his grace upon you

Ch 2 -
 Ch 3 Paul was worried, sent Timothy to strengthen them in their afflictions → so happy to find out they were faithful & true.
 3:4 Paul refers to a teaching he gave them in person that tribulation would come

Ch 4 challenge to holiness

3-5 sexual purity

6-8 honesty

9-11 brotherly love

hope

13-18

the dead will join the faithful living at the second coming of Jesus

4:15, 17 - we which are alive & remain

Ch 5 16 → image of triumphant king (Caesar) returning to city & delegation sent to meet him BUT used to describe Christ instead

1-8 the time is unknown, but we can watch & prepare

the comparison with those who follow Caesar was made in 4:16, but now it is contrasted - you won't be lulled by false (worldly) security, but will depend on God

2 Thess.

Ch 1

At the second coming...

Your persecutions will be rewarded with rest (v.7) and to admire God & glorify him (v. 10)

HOPE about persecution

those who trouble you will be rewarded with tribulations (v.6) and vengeance (v.8) and to be cast away from ~~the~~ God's presence (v.9)

Prayer: (v.11-12)

God will count you worthy
keep his covenants to you
reward your works of faith
Jesus will be glorified in you and you in him.

read parallels between Matt & 1 Thess. in Richard Lloyd Anderson's "Paul's Witness to the Historical Integrity of the Gospels"

Ch 2

clarity over rapture

Isaiah 13-14
Daniel 7-12

The Second coming hasn't happened yet... you didn't miss it (thief in the night)

first

- falling away
- man of sin be revealed

mystery of iniquity (v.7)
he who "leteth" will "let"

I didn't write that you did

So be faithful and remain vigilant

- son of perdition
- makes himself God - sits in the "temple" of God
- his coming is after the working of Satan with power, signs, and "lying wonders"
- deceive the unrighteous

Prayer:

God - who has loved us and consoled us with grace - the Lord will consume with the Spirit of his mouth and the brightness of his coming
Comfort your hearts - strengthen you in your righteous words & deeds

Ch 3

distance yourselves from those who walk disorderly
we showed the example - though we had the right to demand payment, we didn't and we taught that those unwilling to work should not eat
so remove yourselves from those who are voluntarily idle

Prayer: the Lord of peace give you peace always, and be with you

v.17 - write my greeting by my own hand... not true