

# Sermon Supplement from November 12

## Putting God On Display In The Meantime | 2 Thess. 1:1-12

### Warm Up

- What are things we “put on display” in our lives?
- What does the Westminster confession tell us is the “chief end of man”? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

### Dig In

#### Read 2 Thess 1:1-4 – God’s Grace is Displayed in Our Growth

- What do you learn about growth from these verses?
- In what specific ways have your faith and love grown over the past year?

#### Read 2 Thess 1:5-10 – God’s Justice is Displayed in His Judgment

This passage shows five aspects of God’s just judgment: Evidence, Execution, Recipients, Consequences, and Beneficiaries.

- How does each of these aspects help you get a better grasp on God’s just judgment?
- Why are secular people opposed to the idea of God being a just judge?
- How do verses 5-10 provide you with encouragement as you live “in the meantime”?

#### Read 2 Thess 1:11-12 – God’s Power is Displayed in Our Perseverance

- It was suggested that the formula for perseverance is: “Our labor by God’s power”. Talk about why both elements are vital to Christian perseverance in affliction.
- In what ways does verse 12 tie this whole chapter together?

### Wrap Up

- What steps might you take to put God on display more in your life this week?

#### *Further Study – the Justice of God*

- OT Passages: Deuteronomy 32:35-43; Psalm 9:7-8; Psalm 75; Jeremiah 11:20; 20:12;
- Blog - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/3-ways-gods-justice-comforts-us/>
- Blog - <https://www.thenivbible.com/blog/god-of-justice-verses-found-in-the-bible/>
- Listen to John MacArthur’s three-part sermon series on this text from 1992 or 2019 here (<https://www.gty.org/library/resources/sermons-library/scripture/1?book=53&chapter=0>)
- For a deeper dive into this topic, read [The Righteous Judgment of God; Aspects of Judgment in Paul’s Letters](#) by John R. Coulson.

*(Bible Reading Guide and Resources on Other Side)*

**Weekly Bible Reading Guide** – In order to help you engage with God’s Word and our Sunday sermons, we suggest using the exercises below as part of your personal Bible reading and study for the coming week.

**Next Week’s Sermon Text** - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

**Study Exercises** (*use as you have time*)

1. Read the text at least 5 times (in different translations if possible)
2. Answer some basic investigative questions such as: *What are important terms or concepts? What is the tone? What is emphasized, repeated or related? Are there significant comparisons or contrasts? What verses or ideas jump out at you?*
3. Make a list of terms, people, places, or ideas that you need to research further? Use a study Bible, Bible dictionary, or digital resources to help you understand these.
4. In your own words, what is the big idea of this text?
5. Consult 1 or more of the resources listed below. How does this expand your understanding of the text?
6. Apply It: What are the major points of application from this text? How does what you have learned impact the way you think, feel, or act?

**Resources**

- A good Study Bible such as the ESV Study Bible, MacArthur Study Bible, Faithlife Study Bible (free app),
- Video Introduction: Watch The Bible Project summary videos for 1&2 Thessalonians
- Study Guide: 1&2 Thessalonians and Titus MacArthur Bible Study Guide
- Basic Commentary: 1&2 Thessalonians For You Ligon Duncan
- In-depth Commentary: The Letters to the Thessalonians Pillar New Testament Commentary, Gene L. Green
- In-depth sermon series: Visit [gty.org](http://gty.org) to find John MacArthur’s verse by verse sermon series on these two books.