

The background of the image is a dramatic landscape. A long, straight road with a dashed white center line stretches from the bottom center towards the horizon. The road is flanked by green grass. The sky is dark and filled with heavy, grey clouds. A thick, dark plume of smoke or steam rises from the horizon, extending upwards and slightly to the left, partially obscuring the clouds. The overall mood is somber and powerful.

# TIMELESS TRUTH

FOR TROUBLED TIMES



***(2 THESS. 1:1-10)***

# ***I. THE REASSURANCE*** ***OF THE SAINTS (1:1-4)***

## ***A. The Relationship (1-2)***

- 2 Thess. 1:1-2...
  - 1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
  - 2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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***A. The Relationship (1-2)***

***B. The Repeated Thanks  
(1 Thess. 1:2; 2:13; 3:9;  
2 Thess. 1:3; 2:13)***

***Prayer + Praise***

- 3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

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***C. The Raving Praise (4)***

- 4 therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

- ***Perseverance = hupomeno = to remain under***
- ***Persecution = attacks from without***
- ***Afflictions = pressure, something pressing upon us***

## ***II. THE REWARD OF THE SAINTS (1:5, 7, 10)***

### ***A. The Relevance of Suffering (5)***

- 5 This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

- ***“Where is God during this persecution & affliction? Is He out of touch? Is He out of control?”***
- ***Is this persecution reward I get for growing in faith & love? Going to last forever? How suffering relate to eternal salvation?***
- ***Misinterpret God's postponement of justice as a cancellation of judgment***



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***A. The Relevance of Suffering (5)***

***B. The Relief for the Sufferers (7)***

- 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

- ***Rest = relief, release, not under pressure***
- ***Bow string pulled tight with tension***
- ***Release, bow string then said to be at rest – released from tension***
- ***Rest = anesin***

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## ***II. THE REWARD OF THE SAINTS (1:5, 7, 10)***

***A. Relevance of Suffering***

***B. Relief for the Sufferers***

***1. Strain (1:7-8)***

***2. Stress (1:9, 6; 2:14; 3:3-4)***

***3. Strife (5:13c)***

***4. Sickness & Sorrow (4:14-18)***

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***A. The Relevance of Suffering***

***B. The Relief for the Sufferers***

***C. The Rejoicing After The Suffering (1:10)***

- when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.



### ***III. THE REPAYMENT TO THE SINNERS (1:6-9)***

#### ***A. The Reversal (6)***



- 6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

- ***Repay = pay back the same amount***
- ***Pharaoh – drown male babies – army drowned in sea***
- ***Daniel thrown in den of lions but wicked later thrown to the lions***
- ***Inequity in our justice system but God is just & will judge righteously***



### **III. THE REPAYMENT TO THE SINNERS (1:6-9)**

**A. The Reversal (6)**

**B. The Rebellion (7-8)**

- 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

- ***Concealed in heaven but now be revealed visibly in all glory, majesty & power to judge (Ac.17:31)***

- 2 Thess. 1:7-10...

- when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

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- 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,
- 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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**C. The Removal (9)**

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- 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,



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