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1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"

Session 9

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NKJV)

"Established by God"

Paul has expressed many things to the church at Thessalonica, including his desire to come and see them in person, and minister to them that they might grow in Christ. But now He makes it very clear, that all of that depends completely on God. This is the key truth to our faith in Jesus. He must direct our ways. He must cause us to grow in love and in holiness. It has been said that humility is that place of total dependence on God. Allow this week's lesson to lead you to that place of humility and trust where you let God "establish your heart" in love and in holiness; and everything else pertaining to life and godliness.

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:11

How will Paul's way be directed to the Thessalonians, that he might minister to them?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:12

What does Paul pray the Lord will do for the church at Thessalonica?

Scripture: Philippians 1:9

God is continually working to give us the fullness of Him in our lives. What is another area He is at work in order to make us abound?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:13

What will be the result of God working in the church at Thessalonica to love one another, and what will that prepare them for?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:17

How will we be affected by God's work of establishing us in "every good word and work"?

Scripture: James 5:8

What is required of us as God seeks to establish us in the faith, even as we anticipate the Lord's return?

Group Discussion:

What has this lesson taught you about what God alone can do in our lives, and what fruit we can expect when we, with purpose and determination, allow Him to do so? What is your part in that? What areas of your life have you been holding onto control off that you need to "let go and let God"? Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you do so.

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

"But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."

1 Peter 5:10