

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT—14

“*Suffering and Glory*”

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, HE ASSURES THEM WITH A PROMISE OF REWARDS (2 Thessalonians 1:5).

Trials deepen our faith in several ways:

- A. First, they make us cling to the Lord in a new way with greater intensity.
- B. Secondly, they make us long for heaven in a new way nothing else can.
- C. Thirdly, they enable us to really appreciate the blessings of life.
- D. Fourthly, they prove who the real believers are.

II. SECONDLY, HE ASSURES THEM WITH A PROMISE OF REPAYMENT (2 Thessalonians 1:6, 7b-10).

- A. First, let's examine the negative side of this repayment (1:7b-9)

- 1. First, this negative side shows man's condition (1:8).
 - First, there is the witness of conscience (Romans 1:19a).
 - Secondly, there is the witness of creation (Romans 1:19b-20)

- 2. Secondly, this negative side shows man's _____ (1:9).

From this passage, note two identifying characteristics of Hell:

- a. First, Hell is _____. “everlasting”
- b. Secondly, Hell is a _____ existence.

- B. Secondly, let's _____ the positive side of this repayment (1:7, 10).

- 1. First, there will be a _____ (1 Thessalonians 3:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58).
- 2. Secondly, there will be the _____
- 3. Thirdly, there will be the _____, which will bring Christ and His heavenly armies (Zechariah 14; Revelation 19:11).