**CHAPTER 3**

*The apostle’s concern and love for the Thessalonians.*

**1** For which cause, forbearing no longer, we thought it good to remain at Athens alone:

**2** And we sent Timothy, our brother, and the minister of God in the gospel of Christ, to confirm you and exhort you concerning your faith:

**3** That no man should be moved in these tribulations: for yourselves know, that we are appointed thereunto.

**4** For even when we were with you, we foretold you that we should suffer tribulations, as also it is come to pass, and you know.

**5** For this cause also, I, forbearing no longer, sent to know your faith: lest perhaps he that tempteth should have tempted you, and our labour should be made vain.

**6** But now when Timothy came to us from you, and related to us your faith and charity, and that you have a good remembrance of us always, desiring to see us as we also to see you;

**7** Therefore we were comforted, brethren, in you, in all our necessity and tribulation, by your faith,

**8** Because now we live, if you stand in the Lord.

**9** For what thanks can we return to God for you, in all the joy wherewith we rejoice for you before our God,

**10** Night and day more abundantly praying that we may see your face, and may accomplish those things that are wanting to your faith?

**11** Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

**12** And may the Lord multiply you, and make you abound in charity towards one another, and towards all men: as we do also towards you,

**13** To confirm your hearts without blame, in holiness, before God and our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all his saints. Amen.