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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

2 Thessalonians

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1:1-12

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote this letter to the Thessalonian church. [1:1-2]
- ☐ Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians because their faith and love were growing. [1:3]
- ☐ The suffering the Thessalonians experienced was evidence of their patience and faith. [1:4]
- ☐ When the Lord Jesus returns, he will punish those harming Christians, and he will comfort Christians who suffered for his name. [1:5-10]
- ☐ Paul prayed that the Thessalonians would be worthy of their calling. [1:11-12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who wrote this letter and to whom were they writing? [1:1]
Paul, Silas, and Timothy wrote this letter to the Thessalonian Christians.
2. Why did Paul thank God for the Thessalonians? [1:3]
Their faith was growing, and they were growing in love for one another.
3. What did Paul, Silas, and Timothy boast about in 1:4?
They boasted about the believer's patience, even though they were being persecuted and suffering hardship.
4. What was evidence of God's righteous judgment? [1:4-5]
Because the believers endured suffering, they were to be considered worthy of the kingdom of God.
5. What was righteous for God to do in 1:6?
It was righteous for God to afflict those who afflicted the believers.
6. When will the believers be relieved of their afflictions? [1:7]
The believers will be relieved when Jesus Christ returns from heaven.
7. Upon whom will God inflict vengeance? [1:8]
God will inflict vengeance upon those who did not know him, and on those who did not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.
8. Where will those people suffer the punishment of eternal destruction? [1:9]
They will suffer away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.
9. What will believers do when they see Christ come on that day to be glorified? [1:10]
Believers will marvel at Christ when he comes on his day.

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10. What was Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians? [1:11]

Paul prayed that God would make the Thessalonians worthy of their calling, and that God would fulfill every good purpose and every work of faith by his power.

11. In what way did Paul want the name of the Lord Jesus to be glorified? [1:12]

He wanted the name of Lord Jesus Christ to be glorified in the believers, according to the grace of God.

Comment Section:

2:1-12

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul warned the Thessalonians not to be misled by those who claimed to have a vision or a message that the day of the Lord had already come. [2:1-2]
- ☐ The day of the Lord would not come until there was a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness was revealed. [2:3]
- ☐ The man of lawlessness was already working and would be revealed when the one restraining the man of lawlessness was removed. [2:7]
- ☐ The man of lawlessness would have power to do amazing things, but his power would be from Satan. [2:9]
- ☐ All who do not believe the truth will be condemned when the Lord Jesus returns. [2:10-12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was Paul making an appeal about to the brothers? [2:1]
Paul made an appeal to the brothers concerning the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and their being gathered together to be with him.
2. Paul told the brothers not to be easily disturbed or troubled about what? [2:2]
Paul told them not to be disturbed or troubled about letters or messages that said the day of the Lord had already come.
3. What did Paul say must come before the day of the Lord? [2:3]
A great falling away from God and the revealing of the man of lawlessness must come before the day of the Lord.
4. What did Paul say the man of lawlessness would do? [2:4]
The man of lawlessness would oppose and exalt himself against God. He would sit in the temple of God and act like he was God.
5. When was the man of lawlessness to be revealed? [2:6-7]
The man of lawlessness was to be revealed when the one who restrained him was removed.
6. What will Jesus do to the man of lawlessness when he was revealed? [2:8]
Jesus will kill the man of lawlessness at the revelation of his coming.
7. Who was working with the man of lawlessness to give him power, signs, and false wonders? [2:9]
Satan.
8. Why were some deceived by the man of lawlessness and were perishing? [2:10]
Some were deceived because they refused to love the truth that they might be saved.

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9. What was God sending to those who refused to believe the truth? [2:11]
God sent a powerful delusion so the unbelievers would believe a lie.
10. What did those who were deceived and perishing take pleasure in? [2:10-12]
They took pleasure in unrighteousness.

Comment Section:

2:13-17

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul was thankful that God chose the Thessalonians to be among those who experienced salvation through the Holy Spirit. [2:13]
- ☐ God called the Thessalonians to obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ through the gospel. [2:14]
- ☐ Paul instructed the Thessalonians to stand firm and to grasp the traditions that they were taught. [2:15]
- ☐ Paul prayed for Jesus and God the Father to comfort and strengthen the Thessalonians. [2:16-17]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Paul thank God for the Thessalonians? [2:13]
He thanked God because God chose them to be saved by the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. What did God call the Thessalonians to obtain through the gospel? [2:14]
God called the Thessalonians to obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ through the gospel.
3. What did Paul instruct the Thessalonians to do now that they received the gospel? [2:15]
Paul instructed the Thessalonians to stand firm and to continue believing what Paul taught them.
4. What did Paul pray for the Thessalonians? [2:17]
Paul prayed that Jesus and God the Father would comfort and strengthen them in every good thing they do and say.

Comment Section:

3:1-18

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul asked for prayer for the Lord's message to spread and be glorified, and for God to save him and his companions from evil people. [3:1-2]
- ☐ The Lord is faithful and would strengthen the Thessalonians against the evil one. [3:3]
- ☐ Paul was confident that the Thessalonians would continue doing what he commanded them. [3:4-5]
- ☐ Paul warned the Thessalonians to stay away from lazy people and to work hard as he had when he was with them. [3:6-15]
- ☐ Paul ended with personal greetings and prayer. [3:16-18]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul want the Thessalonians to pray for regarding the word of the Lord? [3:1]
Paul wanted the Thessalonians to pray that the word of the Lord would spread rapidly and be glorified.
2. From whom did Paul wish to be delivered? [3:2]
Paul wanted to be delivered from wicked and evil people who did not have faith.
3. What did Paul say the Lord would do for the Thessalonians? [3:3]
The Lord would strengthen and guard them from the evil one.
4. What did Paul tell the Thessalonians to continue to do? [3:4]
Paul told the Thessalonians to continue to do the things he commanded them.
5. Paul prayed for the Lord to direct the hearts of the Thessalonians to what? [3:5]
Paul prayed for their hearts to be directed toward the love of God and endurance of Christ.
6. What were the believers to do with every brother who lived idly? [3:6]
The believers were to avoid every brother who lived idly.
7. In what way did Paul want the Thessalonians to imitate him, Silas, and Timothy? [3:7-8]
Paul and his companions labored night and day, paid for their food, and were not a burden to anyone.
8. What command did Paul give to the Thessalonians about those who were idle? [3:10]
If anyone was not willing to work, then that person should not eat.
9. What did Paul command people who were idle, and not busy at labor? [3:12]
Paul commanded them to work with quietness and to eat their own food.
10. With What did Paul encourage the Thessalonians? [3:13]
He encouraged them not to become tired of doing good.

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11. What were the brothers to do with anyone who did not obey Paul's instruction? [3:14-15]
The brothers were to have no association with anyone who did not obey Paul's instruction.
12. What did Paul ask the Lord of peace to give the Thessalonians? [3:16]
Paul asked the Lord of peace to give the Thessalonians peace at all times in all ways.
13. How did Paul show that he was the author of this letter? [3:17]
Paul wrote the greeting with his own hand as the sign that he was the author.

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