

God will recompense affliction to the lost

2 Thessalonians 1:6 “*Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;*”

A. Seeing it is a righteous thing with God...

1. Anything God does is a “righteous thing”! These words mean - a just or holy thing.

Deuteronomy 32:4 “*He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*”

2. God is never wrong, God never sins, God never needs to explain His reasons or actions. **Psalms 33:11 - 12** “*The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. (12) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.*”

3. People can say or do as they please, they can judge God if they choose, but God’s thoughts, ways, and actions, are not justified by people. Just because people do not like the way God is or does things doesn’t matter. **Job 9:12** “*Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?*”

4. Not only will the justice of God be displayed in the rewards of the righteous, in counting them worthy of the kingdom of God for which they suffer, but it will also be displayed in the punishments to be inflicted on their persecutors.

5. Christians have no right to complain about our persecutions, trials, tribulations in life, as Christians we have no reason to ever complain. Paul wrote, **Philippians 4:11** “*Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*” God has given every Christian believer everything they need in life.

6. It is a righteous thing for God to make you whatever He pleases, whether it’s a pleasant life or a life of affliction. **Romans 9:21** “*Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?*”

B. It is a righteous thing for God to condemn those that are lost. It is a “...*righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;*”

1. God said “...*There is none righteous, no, not one.*” Romans 3:10 This means none deserve the grace or mercy of God, every living soul deserves to spend eternity in hell.

2. It is not an unrighteous thing for God to hate the lost or to punish the lost. **Romans 3:5 - 6** *“But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) (6) God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?”*
 3. In the Tribulation Period, when God delivers pure anger to this world, they deserve every part of it. When God delivers a lost soul into hell, and Jesus judges them at the Great White Throne, it’s all righteous. God is not obligated to give grace or to have mercy on no one.
 4. Grace and mercy are gifts of God, they are not earned. If God chooses to send a soul to hell that His choice. Praise God if your saved, and never complain about trials, tribulations, or persecution’s.
- C. God will judge them that hurts us. *“...God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;”*
1. To recompense means “to repay.” It is certain, the wicked who persecute Christians do not always receive their just payment in this life, but they will.
 2. It is a righteous thing for God to judge sin and condemn sinners. A holy God cannot leave sin unjudged, God must and will judge sinners for their crimes against Him.
 3. People who say, “I cannot believe that a loving God would judge sinners and send people to hell” understand neither the holiness of God nor the awfulness of sin.
 4. We will soon see vengeance coming, God loves His children, they are His elected and adopted family. Mess with God’s children and God will get vengeance, because messing with God’s children is like messing with God. **John 15:21 - 23** *"But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also."*
 5. These persecutors are without excuse, people know God exist **Rom 1:19 - 20** *"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"*

6. These people know Jesus Christ is real, they know but they hate Him. They persecute us because they hate Him.
7. Look at the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, **Acts 9:4** “*And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*” How did Saul persecute Jesus, he persecuted His church, His people, in that he persecuted Jesus. Jesus waned them, **Matthew 18:6** “*But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*”

D. Conclusion

1. We need to be content, even with our trials, troubles, and persecutions. Be the Lord's children, nothing happens outside of His will.
2. I will leave you with this thought. **Hebrews 13:5 - 6** “*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (6) So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.***”