

# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

FREE GENERAL NEWSLETTER

Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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## **Built His House Upon A Rock - Part XIII** (Matthew 7:24)

### **A study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7.**



Continuing our study in learning what it means to be "a wise man, which built his

house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24), we continue from last month.

**Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Joshua said, "choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell" (Joshua 24:15). Evidently they were trying to appear to serve God, but they were coveting and doing things that served the pagan Gods. They found out that you cannot serve both.

Choose mammon or God! If you listen to the worldly music all week long, get fed by the television all week long, go to the movies regularly, dress in the worldly garment by wearing suggestive messages or wearing suggestive clothing, eat like the way of the world, and so on, you cannot expect to be on God's side despite regular church attendance and involvement.

God wants all of you. A foul word is not to pass your lips nor be expressed in your thoughts (excluding

temptations). You are not to make slick business deals and say how God has worked for you. If you think you did good and God blessed you, test it. Ask the person to study the Bible with you. If you acted fairly in the transaction, you would not hesitate.

*"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).*

**Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?**

What do you live for? Food? Drinking? Clothing? God simply says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33).

Paul said, "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool ) I [am] more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty [stripes] save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; [In] journeyings often, [in] perils of waters, [in] perils of robbers, [in] perils by [mine own] countrymen, [in] perils by the heathen, [in] perils in the city, [in] perils in the wilderness, [in] perils in the sea, [in]

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## **Do You Have A TSTL For That???**

*If someone asked you "why do you believe that or why do you do that" could you give them an answer from the Bible — a TSTL?*

**Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.**

## UPDATES & STATS TO WWW.TSTL.NET

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- ▶ The new Bible Study that has been released is called:

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### LAST MONTH'S BIBLE STUDY RELEASE!



#### *Dragon With Lamb-like Horns*

- 📖 What does the dragon with lamb-like horns represent?
- 📖 What does it do?
- 📖 How does it affect us?
- 📖 When does it appear?
- 📖 What does the woman, moon, sun, and stars all mean?
- 📖 What is the greatest terrorist attack that only you can prepare for?
- 📖 How does the earth help anyone?

*perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness”* (2 Corinthians 11:23-27).

And *“they loved not their lives unto the death”* (Revelation 12:11).

Our goal on earth is not a roof over our heads, clothing on our backs, and food on the table. We are here to be used of God to save others. Which do you choose?

**Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?**

God will make provision in your struggles. He gives you what you need, not what you want. God says, *“For every beast of the forest [is] mine, [and] the cattle upon a thousand hills”* (Psalms 50:10).

*“Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness”* (1 Corinthians 3:18-19).

A financial advisor may advise people how to create a nest egg for retirement, get a great amount of funds for using in any manner you desire, etc., but all of that is foolishness of this world. God is in charge of all finances. So investing in the stock market when God says to invest in His kingdom may appear foolish to accountants, but it is wise unto God.

**Matthew 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?**

Outside of worrying about souls, why worry about food, clothing, and a home when you cannot grow one inch on your own.

**Matthew 6:28-30 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the**

**lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, [shall he] not much more [clothe] you, O ye of little faith?**

Why worry about the clothing you will wear? Especially when in the end, the clothing shall be burned away. Your basic needs are all that you should expect.

Peter even says, *“Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But [let it be] the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, [even the ornament] of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price”* (1 Peter 3:3-4).

**To be continued...**

We will continue our verse-by-verse study next month, but for now, may we learn to trust in God and His way.

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**TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT** (Prov. 22:6)



**Chapter 2, Giving credit where credit is due...**

Daniel 2:29-30 *As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came [into thy mind] upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for [any] wisdom that I have more than any living, but for [their] sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.* Although we are not to fight for our own credit, as revealed in the August issue, we are to recognize who the credit should be directed to, especially if it is indirectly credited to ourselves. Here Daniel has the answer, but who really provided the answer? God.

Likewise, when a job is completed such as raking up the leaves in the yard, if a compliment is given to the person standing next to the pile who did not do any work, the proper response is to say, "Thank you, but I was not the one that did the work. Billy deserves the compliment." Taking the compliment that is not rightfully theirs is stealing. They have stolen the good feeling of a compliment for a hard days work from the person who rightfully deserves it.

Further, without having corrected the error, the person complimenting would think they have finished the compliments, and Billy would never find out that he did a good job. And who knows, Billy may have needed that compliment. He might have been thinking that no one appreciates him.

**THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH** (3 John 1:2)



**Why Children are Aging More Quickly:**

Did you know that the length of time from birth to the age of reproduction is called the "generation age"? In 1880, the human generation age was 16.2 years. Each decade since, we have reduced to the present generation age of less than 11 years. Contrary to God's health plan, the high fat diet, with its large content of refined foods coupled with the generally practiced custom of offering snacks between meals, has united to rush children into early, oversized maturity. Thus you have the onset of early senility. Three or four years of growth may be gained at the beginning of life, but eight to fifteen years

may be lost at the end. Not to mention the battles with various degenerative diseases from cavities to cardiac problems.

**LENTIL SOUP**

- 10 c vegetable broth
- 2 c dried lentils, rinse
- 2 sm. carrots, sliced
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 med. onion
- 2 T vegetable oil
- 2 Bay leaves—remove before serving

Combine, boil and then simmer for 3 hours.

**Variations:** Could also add rice, pearl barley, potatoes, or pasta. Also good to add tomatoes and greens of your choice. When adding any of the variations you may need to increase the broth slightly.

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### Marked, Sealed, and Delivered

-  What is the mark of the beast?
-  What is the seal of God?
-  How important are these?
-  If I avoid the Mark of the Beast do I get the Seal of God?
-  If I have the Seal of God, will I avoid the Mark of the Beast?
-  And how does 666 affect this subject?

These and many more questions are answered in the newest online Bible Study at [www.tstl.net](http://www.tstl.net) and clicking on **Study Tools** and then **Online Studies**.

These studies are also in print form and available upon request.

All studies must be performed in sequence as the Bible is a building block of information.

## DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.

*How the Bible Uses Abraham To Represent the Plan of Salvation:*

1. What is Abraham called? **Luke 16:24**
2. What is Isaac called? **Genesis 22:6**
3. Who would represent the Holy Spirit? **Genesis 24:2**
4. God's people today are called His church (not to be confused with a building or denomination made by people). His church in Old Testament times was called many names including Zion (Isaiah 51:16). What symbol does God use to represent His people, Zion? **Jeremiah 6:2**
5. Who represents God's people in this example? **Genesis 24:51**
6. Who did the representative of the Holy Spirit (#3) take the representation of God's people (#5) to? **Genesis 24:64**
7. Who is the church being prepared to meet by the power of the Holy Spirit? **Titus 2:13**



### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

*A Contrast Between Destinations:*

1. What are we called to do in the last days and even every day (first two words spoken by the first angel)? **Revelation 14:7** *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*
2. If we obey, what would we depart from? **Proverbs 14:27** *"The fear of the LORD [is] a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death."*
3. What is associated with the word found in question #2? **Exodus 23:33** *"They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee."*
4. What is the result of continuing to do the word found in Question #3? **Romans 6:23** *"For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*
5. What is the opposite of the word found in question #4? **Romans 6:23** *"For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*
6. Where do we find it? **Romans 5:21** *"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."*

## **WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?**

(Isaiah 53:1) - COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between August 16 and September 15. [Preview future news snippets at [www.tstl.net/news](http://www.tstl.net/news).]

### ▶ **WorldNetDaily, September 14, 2006 - 'Bioethicist': OK to kill babies after they're born**

An internationally known Princeton "bioethicist" and animal-rights activist says he'd kill disabled babies if it were in the "best interests" of the family, because he sees no distinction in the child's life whether it is born or not, and the world already allows abortion. Singer believes the next few decades will see a massive upheaval in the concept of life and rights, with only "a rump of hard-core, know-nothing religious fundamentalists" still protecting life as sacrosanct.

**TSTL:** Psalms 106:36-40 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, And shed innocent blood, [even] the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

### ▶ **WorldNetDaily, September 6, 2006 - Bunnies gone wild! VW hops on with Playboy**

Volkswagen of America has launched a new advertising campaign about its "Rabbit" vehicle using Playboy "bunnies" and the appeal of "promiscuity" and "fornication."

**TSTL:** 1 Thessalonians 4:3 *"For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."* That includes the thoughts. Technically it is not safe to be watching TV. Even the clean

programs tend to have questionable commercials. And if you see nothing with this, you already have become desensitized.

### ▶ **WorldNetDaily.Com, August 30, 2006 - Evangelist drowns trying to walk on water**

An evangelist who tried replicating Jesus' miracle of walking on water has reportedly drowned off the western coast of Africa.

**TSTL:** 1 John 2:6 *"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."* This does not mean physically. Spiritually we ought to walk as He did. For instance, he did not sin. Strive towards that and not so much on the miracles.

### ▶ **The Times of India, August 29, 2006 - When this teen cries, stones roll down her eyes**

Thirteen-year-old Savitri Kumari is just like any other teenager. But the only difference between this Hazaribagh girl and others is that when she weeps, stones roll down instead of tears from her eyes.

### ▶ **BBC, August 19, 2006 - Hundreds drink 'sweet seawater'**

Hundreds of people flocked to a beach in the Indian city of Mumbai after reports the seawater had turned sweet. Several people who drank the muddy water from the Arabian Sea said it had been changed by a miracle and could now cure illnesses. Many saw it as a blessing from Makhdoom Ali Mahimi, a 13th Century Sufi saint.

**TSTL:** Revelation 16:14 *"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."* Satan uses miracles to confirm people in error. In this case, it is non-

Christian, but even Christians are susceptible to confirming miracles to stay in error.

### ▶ **Chicago Sun Times, August 25, 2006 - Weighty matter: Is religion making us fat?**

He (Ken Ferraro, a Purdue sociology professor) found there were more obese people in states with larger populations of folks claiming a religious affiliation than elsewhere -- particularly in states with the most Baptists. Food often is substituted for alcohol at Baptist and other conservative Protestant gatherings, Ferraro says.

**TSTL:** 3 John 1:2 *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."* Though alcohol abstinence is good, God still is concerned about your overall health. And the neglect of your health is a sin as neglecting the soul is a sin.

### ▶ **News.Com.Au, August 22, 2006 - 'Bored' youths rampage through town**

UP to 40 youths went on a destructive rampage in a central Queensland community because they were bored, the town's mayor said today.

**TSTL:** Ezekiel 16:49 *"Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy."*

Luke 17:28-30 *"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."*

## INFORMAL SURVEY

We need to hear from you!

**Please write and tell us what you think of this newsletter and this ministry.**

For example:

Which items are you blessed the most by?

Which items are you not interested in?

What would you like to see in this newsletter?

What would you like to see this ministry do?

Please feel free to include any other comments that you feel would be of useful value to this ministry.



**As we prepare for the new year we need to hear from you.**

**Please help make this ministry all that it can be for the glory of the Lord.**

Thank you—for your time, your loyal support and prayers.

## NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are "sudden destruction" news items that appeared between June 16 and July 15, 2006.

[Preview future "sudden destruction" news snippets at [www.tstl.net/suddendestruction.](http://www.tstl.net/suddendestruction.)]

### ► Fox News, August 28, 2006 - Captors Release Two FOX News Journalists Kidnapped in Gaza Aug. 14

Captors Release Two FOX News Journalists Kidnapped in Gaza Aug. 14. Both of the men were forced to convert to Islam at gunpoint, Centanni said.

**TSTL:** Matthew 10:33 *"But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."* Revelation 12:11 *"And they loved not their lives unto the death."* What would have happened if the terrorists shot them after the fake conversion? The Bible is clear. They would not have been granted heaven.

### ► CBC News, August 23, 2006 - Brandon woman rebuked by her church for criticizing city

A Brandon, Man., resident has been asked by her church to keep her criticism of city officials to herself, or worship somewhere else. In the letter, she was critical of Mayor Dave Burgess and city councillors for not doing more to draw new residents and visitors to the city. She suggested Brandon build a waterslide or family theme park to draw in visitors. "Certainly I don't mind criticism or critiquing, challenging, whatever," mayor said Tuesday. "That's all part of the game in politics."

**TSTL:** If the church is enforcing the silent woman stance from 1 Timothy 2:12 *"But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence"* then they need to compare all of the scriptures on the subject. 1 Corinthians 14:34 *"Let your women keep silence in the churches"*. The mayor is not in the church, therefore she is permitted her opinion to be spoken. However, since 9/11, no one may say anything about anyone.

### ► CBS4 News, September 12, 2006 - The Man Who Claims To Be Jesus

Followers Claim Doral Man is God On Earth Jose Luis deJesus Claims There Is No Heaven, No Hell Followers Believe All Other Religions Must Be Destroyed. "The devil was destroyed two thousand years ago." It is music to the ears of his followers, mostly Hispanic men and women who believe they are God's chosen people, predestined for salvation no matter what they do on earth.

**TSTL:** Matthew 24:23 *"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not."* Notice the "intolerance" of other religions which has become most prevalent since Sept 11, 2001.

## HAVE YOU BEEN BLESSED?

If this newsletter is a blessing to you, please consider sending a love gift to help further the work. More blessed are those who give.

*When this ministry began we had a salary that provided for us and all the needs of the ministry.*

*As the ministry grew and needed more funds we did yard sales, flea markets, and then the thrift store.*

*When the salary was lost the ministry struggled on it's own, and when the dollar stores and free outlets moved in the thrift store closed.*

*Now our personal income barely meets our needs, and so the Lord is depending on you to support this ministry just as He depended upon his friends when he had no place to even lay his head. This ministry is financially where Jesus' ministry was, depending upon you, His friends.*

**This ministry can no longer survive without the financial support of it's readers—Thank you!**

## ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)



**QUESTION #1– Where in the Bible does it say only husband and wife may be married? For that matter, where does it say**

**in the Bible “only” on many of the Christian’s belief?**

**ANSWER #1–** This is the difference between a sheep and a goat. Sheep will stay near the shepherd. Goats go away from the shepherd. Directly speaking, sheep do not find how far away they can be and still be a sheep, but a goat will. It has been human nature to find a loophole. And so over the years when caught in an apparent disobedience, humans have come back with the statement, “You didn’t say only!” Unfortunately we have taught subsequent generations this too well that it has moved from human to human communication into human to God communication. This has added much to the war on the Bible. Very few Christian literally interpret and comprehend the Bible. It is all excused away. And when faced with a verse that cannot be excused, “Well, God didn’t say only!”

Originally, when God said something, it was settled. Now the lawyer looks for the loophole. So when God said in Genesis 2:24, “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh”, we accept it as the will of God. And should say, “I delight to do thy will, O my God” (Psalms 40:8). It is also God’s command to “Be fruitful, and multiply”, which outside of husband and wife, it is impossible using any other combination of genders and creatures. Therefore, God does not have to say, “Only”.

**QUESTION #2– In Daniel 2:21, it says that God changes the times and the seasons. What times did He change?**

**ANSWER #2–** Joshua 10:13 *And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. [Is] not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*

Isaiah 38:8 *Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.*

There are two examples of the times being changed. Instead of time being approximately twenty-four hours, time in these examples were extended.

**QUESTION #3–Why is the religion of the Bible not fun? And why would having fun with religion be looked down upon?**

**ANSWER #3–** Look up every form of the word “fun” in the Bible and you will find that fun, funnier, funniest, funny, and any other word you can think of does not exist. Sin is not fun. Sin cost the Son of God to leave heaven, die for us, and minister for us. Additionally, Jesus will be asked, “What [are] these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, [Those] with which I was wounded [in] the house of my friends” (Zechariah 13:6).

Does that sound like fun? It is very sad that the Christian religion has been reduced to what it has been. People join churches because of the activities offered. People join churches because they can have a good time. People join churches because it is soft on sin. People join churches because they are not convicted of their sins. These and others join churches for all the wrong reasons.

You should join a church that makes you uncomfortable. You should join a church without loopholes. You should join a church that is active in helping others out of sin – not just helping people say,

**GOTTA QUESTION?**

We are always in need of questions for the general and for the children’s newsletters.

Attn teachers especially: Please share your questions with us.  
Thank you!

## Think On These Things

**Sensuality, One of the Final Snares**

If you receive the news, you will see that sensuality is a snare both of those outside of churches and inside churches. It is not by coincidence that the children of Israel fell to sensuality on the edge of the Promised Land. Jesus is soon to take us to the Heavenly Promised Land. Are you guarded?

*Beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*

*These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*

*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

*And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling [them] out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 1:17-25)*

OCTOBER 2006

**WHAT DO YOU LIVE FOR?**

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**WHY ARE CHILDREN AGING  
MORE QUICKLY?**

(Heath section on page 3)

**IS RELIGION MAKING US  
FAT?**

(News section on page 5)

**SINCE 9/11—NO ONE MAY  
SAY ANYTHING ABOUT  
ANYONE!**

(News section on page 6)

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***BUT THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND (COMETH), BE YE THEREFORE SOBER, AND WATCH UNTO PRAYER***

***(1 PETER 4:7)***



The instruction that Paul sent the Thessalonians in his first epistle regarding the second coming of Christ, was in perfect harmony with his former teaching. Yet his words were misapprehended by some of the Thessalonian brethren. They understood him to express the

hope that he himself would live to witness the Saviour's advent. This belief served to increase their enthusiasm and excitement. Those who had previously neglected their responsibilities and duties, now became more persistent in urging their erroneous views.

In his second letter Paul sought to correct their misunderstanding of his teaching and to set before them his true position. He again expressed his confidence in their integrity, and his gratitude that their faith was strong, and that their love abounded for one another and for the cause of their Master. He told them that he presented them to other churches as an

example of the patient, persevering faith that bravely withstands persecution and tribulation, and he carried their minds forward to the time of the second coming of Christ, when the people of God shall rest from all their cares and perplexities.

"We ourselves," he wrote, "glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: . . . and to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power. . . . Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power: that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."