

EAT THISBOOK



WEEK FIVE

DAY TWENTY NINE

1 Thess 2

Content

Paul continues to recount his ministry with this church & his longing for them. The heart of this apostolic church planter bursts through the pages.

Reflections

Why is Paul so passionate about the standing of these people?

Strategic prayer

Jesus, make me passionate for your church, to build it, advance it & extend it.

DAY THIRTY

1 Thess 5

Content

Paul completes his thoughts about Christ's return & finishes the letter with a focus on current day living.

Reflections

Why did Paul 'bracket' his thoughts on the second coming with wise advice for day to day living?

Strategic prayer

Come Lord Jesus!

DAY THIRTY ONE

2 Thess 1

Content

This second letter to the Thessalonians is prompted by some believers being unsettled by erroneous teaching. They had even ceased work & were generally bringing the church into disrepute. Paul corrects them. In the first chapter he outlines the key issues of Christ's return ie judgment & reward.

Reflections

Why is justice such a strong biblical theme? Consider the dual nature of the day of the Lord – reward & punishment.

Strategic prayer

Come Lord Jesus!

DAY THIRTY TWO

2 Thess 2

Content

Paul's focus is the man of lawlessness. He is Satan like in nature & works. Much speculation has occurred over the centuries as to the identity of this person. Paul doesn't let us in on this secret. However, he makes it very clear that he is ultimately doomed to destruction by the splendor of Christ's coming.

Reflections

Consider a comparison between the lawless one & the splendid One.

Strategic prayer

Pray through vs 13-17 – great use of language by Paul.

DAY THIRTY THREE

2 Thess 3

Content

Paul exhorts the folks to not be idle busybodies but diligent workers, doing what is right & thus follow his example.

Reflections

How can you be an industrious worker?

Strategic prayer

Jesus, assist me in the workplace to be an outstanding example of diligence, creativity & integrity.

DAY THIRTY FOUR

Romans 1

Content

This great letter to the Roman church incorporates the vast themes of salvation; grace through faith; sinfulness of humanity; weakness of law; virtues of Christian living & Christ's death & resurrection. In Ch 1 Paul introduces these themes with general greetings & the reasons why God's wrath & judgment is upon mankind.

Reflections

Reflect on the God view Paul takes in vs 18-31. Why does he start his treatise from this view rather than from man's need.

Strategic prayer

My God, thank you for the gospel of grace that has rescued me from your wrath.

DAY THIRTY FIVE

Romans 2

Content

Paul argues that God's judgment upon wickedness is right, just & appropriate. He states that the Jews as well as the Gentiles are under this judgment. Like a prosecuting attorney, he is establishing the case against humanity before bringing the verdict.

Reflections

Meditate on the deep need of humanity for a Saviour, for a Rescue Mission.

Strategic prayer

Jesus, thank you for your kindness that has lead & still leads me to that formative change of heart, mind & life direction.