

**Retribution and Relief**

2 Thessalonians 1:6-12

*When Jesus is revealed from heaven, He will bring retribution to those who reject Him and relief to those who love Him.*

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ will there be any judgment? (6)
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ will this judgment take place? (7, 10)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ will be the judge? (7-8)
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ will be judged? (8)
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ will the judgment be? (9)
- VI. \_\_\_\_\_ can one escape this judgment? (11-12)

The Bible knows nothing of salvation apart from obedience. Paul testified that he was sent to preach “obedience to the faith among all nations.” He reminded the Roman Christians that they had been set free from sin because they had “obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.” In the New Testament there is no contradiction between faith and obedience. Between faith and Law-works, yes; between law and grace, yes; but between faith and obedience, not at all. The Bible recognizes no faith that does not lead to obedience, nor does it recognize any obedience that does not spring from faith. The two are opposite sides of the same coin. Were we to split a coin edge wise we would destroy both sides and render the whole thing valueless. So faith and obedience are forever joined and each one is without value when separated from the other. The trouble with many of us today is that we are trying to believe without intending to obey.

- A.W. Tozer