



A few weeks ago, we began a series called "Advent." As we celebrate the advent season of anticipating the birth of Jesus, our study in 2 Thessalonians draws our attention to look forward to the return of Christ. Last week, we discussed the coming judgment of God at Christ's return. 2 Thessalonians chapter one details how hell is a real place. While the return of Christ is a thing of joy and rest for the believer, it is a horrifying reality for the unbeliever. Today, we turn the page to chapter 2, which will continue to unfold the story of the end times. If you're unfamiliar with the end times, this passage will help you as you continue to put the pieces together in your mind. If you're more familiar with the end times, this passage serves as another great reminder of what is coming and provides clarity in our lives as we wait for Jesus' return.

Key Passage: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Discussion Questions:

1. Looking back at your notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most from the sermon?
2. How can we stay steadfast in our faith today, considering the warning against being easily shaken or alarmed mentioned in verse 2?
3. Reflecting on the concept of "the man of lawlessness," how can we discern and guard against deceptive influences in our lives, as suggested in verses 3-4?
4. What does today's passage say about the "man of lawlessness"? What will he do? What is restraining him? Who is behind this man's rise to power? How will the battle between good and evil end?
5. Verse 10 emphasizes the idea of people perishing because they refused to love the truth. How can we cultivate a love for truth in our lives?
6. Verse 11 speaks of God sending a powerful delusion to those who reject the truth. In what ways does this passage challenge us to prioritize seeking and embracing God's truth in our lives?
7. How should anticipating Christ's return influence our daily actions and priorities? What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on this week?