

## One Year Bible – Week 42

### **Summary: 1 & 2 Thessalonians Reading**

The second letter to the Thessalonians is very similar to the first in content but different in tone. This letter also speaks of Jesus' second coming, spiritual growth, and idleness among believers. However, Paul writes his second letter to the Thessalonians soon after the first in a more stern tone. He is addressing deception and misunderstanding in the Thessalonian church.

The first letter to Timothy is among a group of letters in the New Testament known as the pastoral letters. In this letter Paul is writing to one of his young companions and earlier converts from his first missionary journey. Timothy has since become the pastor to the church in Ephesus.

### **Summary: Jeremiah Reading**

Jeremiah continues to call God's people to faithfulness.

### **Things to Look for and Questions to Ponder as You Read:**

- *OT* – Whether intentionally by human hands or unintentionally, deception happens regarding the truth of God and his Word. (2Th 2:2-3a) We also know that it is the work of Satan to deceive – even through the miraculous. (2Th 2:9-10a) Paul goes to great length to inform believers of the danger of this deception even by encouraging the Thessalonian church to recognize his own handwriting as authentic. (2Th 3:17) We must also be careful not to be deceived about God's Truth. One of the ways we can ensure we will not be deceived is the way Paul instructs the Thessalonians; he tells them to learn the truth of God's Word that they may be able to discern for themselves. In the same way we must study God's Word so that we may discern his truth from a lie. – Oct 14 & 15

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *OT* – Read Jer 17:5-10. How would you identify the contrast that is being described here? What is characteristic of the person who trusts in man? What is characteristic of the person who trusts in God? What do you think is meant by the deceitfulness of the heart in v9? What is the connection of v10 to the contrast discussed in verses 5-8? What leads us to be people who trust in God? – Oct 11

- 2) *NT* – Read 1Th 5:16-18. What words stand out to you in these verses? What do you think Paul is trying to get across as he writes these words and the surrounding context? How consistently do you live with Paul's words in these verses? Are there any ways in which you can grow? How? – Oct 12
- 3) *NT* – Read 2Th 3:1-5. What does Paul ask for prayer for? Why do you think he asks for prayer for each of these things? Is this similar or different than the types of prayer requests often heard in your group? If different, why do you think it is so? What would it take for us to be more mindful of the concerns Paul seems to have through prayer? – Oct 15
- 4) *OT* – Read Jer 29:11-14a. God speaks these words to his people in exile. Explain what encouragement these words provide. How does God describe the people? How does the description of what the people will do and the encouragement of what God says relate to one another? What encouragement can we take from this passage? What does it mean to seek God with all our heart? (v 13) What can you do for this to be an increasingly more consistent description of your life? – Oct 16

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

“Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.” (Ps 84:10a) Read Psalm 84. How does the Psalmist describe the presence of God? How would you describe the Psalmist's desire for being with God and dwelling in his presence? To what degree can you relate to the Psalmist's words in Psalm 84? Journal your thoughts and responses as you read this Psalm and answer these questions. – Oct 14

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### **Reading Schedule:**

Jer = Jeremiah / 1& 2Th = 1 & 2Thessalonians / 1Ti = 1Timothy /  
Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Oct 11 – Jer 16:16-18:23 / 1Th 4:1-5:3 / Ps 81:1-16 / Pr 25:6-7  
Oct 12 – Jer 19:1-21:14 / 1Th 5:4-28 / Ps 82:1-8 / Pr 25:8-10  
Oct 13 – Jer 22:1-23:20 / 2Th 1:1-12 / Ps 83:1-18 / Pr 25:11-14  
Oct 14 – Jer 23:21-25:38 / 2Th 2:1-17 / Ps 84:1-12 / Pr 25:15  
Oct 15 – Jer 26:1-27:22 / 2Th 3:1-18 / Ps 85:1-13 / Pr 25:16  
Oct 16 – Jer 28:1-29:32 / 1Ti 1:1-20 / Ps 86:1-17 / Pr 25:17  
Oct 17 – Jer 30:1-31:26 / 1Ti 2:1-15 / Ps 87:1-7 / Pr 25:18-19