

14. 1 THESSALONIANS

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Chapter 1

1:1 Sha'ul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
to the assembly of the Thessalonians,
in **YAHWEH** The Father
and The Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

Sha'ul means requested.
Silvanus means woody.
Timothy means honoring YAHWEH.
Thessalonians means victory over lies.

Favor to you and well being
from **YAHWEH** our Father
and The Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

1:2 We are grateful to **YAHWEH** always
concerning all of you,
making mention of you in our prayers,
1:3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith,
labor of love, and patience of anticipation
for our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
in the presence of **YAHWEH**, even our Father,
1:4 understanding, beloved brothers,
your election by **YAHWEH**.

1:5 Indeed, our good news
has not come to you in word only,
but also in miraculous power,
and in The Set Apart Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,
and in much confidence just as you understand
what we have been among you for your sake.

The Divine Nature of YAHWEH is the New Nature that now dwells in everyone who is trusting fully in YAHWEH.

1:6 And you have become imitators
of us and of The Master,
having accepted the word through much trouble
with the joy of The Set Apart Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,
1:7 so that you have become examples
to everyone in Macedonia and Achaia who are trusting.

Macedonia means tall.
Achaia means wailing.

1:8 Indeed, from you
the word of The Master has resounded,
not only in Macedonia and Achaia,
but also in every place.
Your faith concerning **YAHWEH** has gone out
so that we do not need to say anything.

1:9 Indeed, they themselves declare concerning us
what manner of entrance we had among you,
and how you converted to **YAHWEH** from idols
to serve The Living and True Elohim,
1:10 and are awaiting His Son from The Heavens,
whom He has raised up from being dead, **YAHUSHUA**,
who is delivering us from the wrath which is coming.

Chapter 2

2:1 Indeed, you yourselves understand, brothers,
that our coming in to you did not happen in vain,
2:2 but on the contrary,
even having already experienced hardship,
and having been violently treated at Philippi,
even as you understand,
we were bold through our Elohim

to speak to you the good news of YAHWEH
amidst much anxiety.

2:3 Indeed, our encouragement was not from deceit,
nor impurity, nor by trickery,

2:4 but rather, just as we were tested by YAHWEH,
having trusted in the good news,
in this manner we speak,
not as pleasing human beings,
but rather YAHWEH who tests our hearts.

2:5 Indeed, not at any time
have we come with flattering words,
just as you understand, nor with a pretext of greed.
YAHWEH is a witness.

2:6 Nor were we seeking praise from human beings
either from you or from others,
having been able to be a burden
as ambassadors of The Messiah.

2:7 On the contrary, we became kind in your midst,
just as a nurse might brood over her own children.

2:8 In this manner, affectionately longing for you,
we were well pleased to impart to you
not only the good news of YAHWEH,
but also our own lives
because you had become beloved by us.

2:9 Indeed, you remember, brothers, our labor and toil.
Indeed, laboring night and day
that we might not be a burden to any of you,
we proclaimed to you the good news of YAHWEH.

2:10 You are witnesses, and so is YAHWEH,
how devoutly, and justly, and blamelessly
we became toward you who are trusting.

2:11 You understand exactly how we urged,
and encouraged, and bore witness to every one of you,
even as a father to his own children,

2:12 to be walking as is fitting for YAHWEH,
Who is calling you into
His own kingdom and magnificence.

2:13 For this reason
we also thank YAHWEH without ceasing
that having received the word of YAHWEH
which you heard from us
you accepted it not as the word of humans,
but as it is in truth, the word of YAHWEH,
which also effectively works in you who are trusting.

You'll notice that the verb tenses relating to this are present active tense. This indicates a current action that is also on going. You either are trusting, and thus having faith or believing, or you are not. If you are not then you are not "saved".

2:14 Indeed, brothers, you have become imitators
of the assemblies of YAHWEH which are in Yahudah
in The Messiah, YAHUSHUA,
because you also have suffered the same things
from your own countrymen,
just as they also *did* from the Yahudeans,

2:15 who killed both The Master, YAHUSHUA,
and their own prophets, and have persecuted us.

And they are not pleasing to **YAHWEH**
and are antagonistic to all human beings,

ekdioko – to pursue out; expel, or persecute without ceasing.

2:16 preventing us from speaking to the Gentiles
in order that they might be delivered,
multiplying their offenses at all times.
Indeed, the wrath is coming upon them to the uttermost.

2:17 Now we, brothers,
having been separated from you for a short time,
in presence not in heart,
endeavored more eagerly
to see your face with great desire.

2:18 Therefore, we wanted to come to you,
even I, Sha'ul, time and again,
but The Adversary detained us.

2:19 Indeed, what is our hope, or joy,
or crown of boasting?
Is it not even you in the presence of our Master,
YAHUSHUA, The Messiah, at His coming?

2:20 Indeed, you are our praise and joy.

Chapter 3

3:1 Therefore, being no longer able to endure it
we thought it good to be left in Athens alone

Athens means uncertainty.

3:2 and sent Timothy, our brother
and servant of **YAHWEH**,
and our fellow laborer
in the good news of The Messiah,
to establish you and to encourage you
concerning your faith,

Faith, belief, and trust are all terms used to translate a single
Greek word. They are virtually equivalent.

3:3 in order that no one
might be shaken by these troubles.

Indeed, you yourselves understand
that we are appointed to this.

3:4 And even when we were among you
we told you beforehand that we would be afflicted,
just as it has happened and *just* as you understand.

3:5 Because of this when I could no longer endure it
I sent to know for certain your trust
lest somehow the tempter had tempted you,
and our labor had become meaningless.

3:6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you
and brought us good news
concerning your trust and love,
and that you always have good memories of us,
greatly desiring to see us as we also do to see you,

3:7 because of this, brothers,
we were encouraged concerning you
amidst all our trouble and distress by your trust,

3:8 so that now we live,
provided that you stand fast in **YAHWEH**.

3:9 Indeed, what gratitude we render to **YAHWEH**
concerning you amidst all the joy
with which we are rejoicing

because of you in the presence of our Elohim,
3:10 night and day begging most excessively

to see your face
and to complete thoroughly
what is missing in your trusting?

3:11 Now may our Elohim and Father Himself,
and our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
straighten our path to you.

The concept of a "straight path" is a very Hebraic concept. For them, it was used to refer to preparing the way for The Messiah to come. It involved not only "straightening", but removing obstacles and leveling the road to make it smooth.

3:12 And may The Master make you increase
and abound in love toward one another and to all,
even exactly as we do toward you,
3:13 so that He may establish your hearts
blameless in devotion in the presence of our Elohim,
even our Father, at the coming of our Master,
YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,
amidst all His set apart ones.

parousia – a being near; advent; return.

Chapter 4

4:1 Finally then we ask you, brothers,
and encourage you in The Master, **YAHUSHUA**,
that just as you have received from us
the manner in which you ought to be walking
and to be pleasing **YAHWEH**
you might abound more and more.

4:2 Indeed, you understand what mandates
we have given to you
through The Master, **YAHUSHUA**.

4:3 Indeed, this is the will of **YAHWEH**, Your Purifier,
abstain from sexual immorality.

porneias – from which comes pornography.

4:4 Each one of you is to understand
how to be keeping his own vessel in purity and dignity,
4:5 not in passionate longing like the Gentiles
who do not acknowledge **YAHWEH**.

4:6 No one is to take advantage of
or defraud his brother in this matter,
because **YAHWEH** is the punisher of all such,
just as we also forewarned you and testified.

4:7 Indeed, **YAHWEH** has not called us
for the sake of impurity,
but on the contrary into purity.

Purity, cleanness, is extremely important in the Hebrew culture. To be unclean or impure is to be defiled. That would prevent you from being part of Temple worship, or being in the presence of **YAHWEH**.

4:8 Truly then one who is rejecting this
is not rejecting a human being, but rather **YAHWEH**,
Who even gives to us His Set Apart Divine Nature.

4:9 Now concerning brotherly love
you have no need for me to write to you.
Indeed, you yourselves have been divinely instructed
to love one another.

4:10 And indeed you are doing so
toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia.

Now we encourage you, brothers,
that you abound more and more,

4:11 and that you also aspire to be quiet,
to accomplish your own affairs
and work with your own hands as we instructed you,
4:12 in order that you might walk properly
among those who are outside,
and that you might lack nothing.

4:13 Now I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers,
concerning those who have died
in order that you are not sad
like the others who have no hope.

4:14 Indeed, if we trust that **YAHUSHUA** has died
and has been raised up,
In this same way **YAHWEH** will also bring with Him
those who have died for the sake of **YAHUSHUA**.

4:15 Indeed, this we say to you
by the word of **YAHWEH**,
that we who are alive,
surviving until the coming of The Master,
by no means will precede those who are dead,
4:16 because The Master Himself
will descend from The Heaven with a shout.
with the sound of a Chief **YAH**-Messenger,
and with the trumpet of **YAHWEH**.
And the dead in The Messiah will be raised up first.

There are no 'angels' in Hebrew thought. It is strictly a Greek term. A YAH-Messenger is one sent by YAHWEH.

4:17 After that we who are alive and surviving
will be seized at the same time together with them
into the clouds to meet The Master in the air.
And thus we will always be with The Master.

harpazo - to seize. From a word that means to take for oneself; to prefer or choose.
Look carefully at the context. The timing of this activity is crucial to one's understanding of what it means. The dead are raised up and as soon as that happens any living believers are grabbed, along with them, to meet YAHUSHUA in the air.
This is at the second coming of The Messiah - not before it.
This means **THERE IS NO 'RAPTURE'!** That teaching is **FALSE!**

4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Chapter 5

5:1 Now concerning the times
and the seasons, brothers,
you have no requirement that I write to you,
5:2 because you yourselves understand exactly that
The Day of **YAHWEH** comes like a thief in the night.

5:3 Indeed, when they say, "Peace and security!"
at that time unexpected destruction
is coming upon them,
exactly like labor pains upon a pregnant woman.
And they will not escape!

5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness,
so that this day might seize you as if you are a thief.
5:5 You all are sons of light and sons of the day.
We are not of the night nor of darkness.

5:6 Therefore, we are not to sleep like the rest,
but instead we are to keep alert and be sober
5:7 because those who sleep sleep at night,

and those who get drunk are drunk at night.
5:8 But we who are of the day are to be sober,
putting on the breastplate of trust and love,
and as a helmet the anticipation of deliverance,
5:9 because **YAHWEH** has not appointed us to wrath,
but rather for the acquisition of deliverance
through our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
5:10 who has died for us
in order that whether we keep alert or sleep,
we might live together with Him.
5:11 Consequently encourage one another
and build up one another just as you also are doing.

5:12 Now we ask you, brothers,
to consider those who are working hard among you,
and presiding over you in The Master,
and are warning you
5:13 even to regard them very highly in love
because of their work.
Be at peace among yourselves!

5:14 Now we encourage you, brothers.
Warn those who are unruly.
Encourage the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Be patient with everyone.
5:15 See that no one gives harm for harm to anyone,
but on the other hand
always pursue that which is good,
both for yourselves and for everyone.

This verse normally is rendered 'evil for evil'. The concept of evil in Hebrew thought has to do with anything that is 'bad', that causes damage or destruction to something or someone. Harm is just as 'evil' as total destruction. Evil is not merely something that is horrible or awful.

5:16 Rejoice always!
5:17 Pray constantly!
5:18 In everything be grateful,
because this is the will of **YAHWEH**
in The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**, concerning you.

5:19 Do not extinguish The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH!**
5:20 Do not make utterly nothing of prophecies!
5:21 Test everything!
Hold fast what is good!
5:22 Refrain from every form of harm!

5:23 Now may The Elohim of well being Himself
purify you absolutely perfectly,
and may your entire nature and life breath and body
be protected faultlessly until the coming of our Master,
YAHUSHUA, The Messiah.

The typical terms used cause confusion. Those given here provide a more clear insight into what's intended. You do not have a spirit or a soul. Both are Greek inventions and do not occur in Hebrew thought. The nature is your character, your essence. The life breath is that which was breathed into Adam, giving him life.

5:24 He Who calls you is trustworthy
Who will even do this!

5:25 Brothers, pray for us.
5:26 Greet all the brothers with a sacred kiss.
5:27 I solemnly charge you by The Master

that this epistle be read
to all the set apart ones, brothers.

5:28 The favor of our Master,
YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,
be with you.

Amen.