

The Framework of Corporate Prayer, Pt. 2 (2 Thess 1:3–12)
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Introduction (Review):

- A. What did Paul have in mind as he lifted his prayers to the Lord?
 - 1. He gave thanks to God for the signs of grace in the life of the Thessalonians (1:3)
 - a. Their faith was growing
 - b. Their love was increasing (1:3b)
 - c. They are persevering under trial (1:4)

- I. Confidence in the Prospect of Vindication
 - A. The endurance of the Thessalonians is evidence of worthiness to enter the kingdom of God (1:4, 5)
 - 1. NOT GROUND, but EVIDENCE
 - 2. Two themes drive Paul toward the next step in his ground for prayer
 - a. The Kingdom of God (the “not yet”)
 - b. Perseverance with purpose

 - B. For believers, there will be vindication (1:6, 10)
 - 1. Push the eschatological ethic: Love His appearing

 - C. For non-believers, there will be retribution (1:6–10)
 - 1. The Cross as a sign of retribution and love (Rom 3:21–26)
 - 2. Hell is a sobering reality

 - D. What do our prayers betray about our priorities?