Sunday Message for 7-13-2025
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Title: **The Holy Spirit who lets us live in the light and discern the time**

Through the text He has given us today, God clearly tells us about the time when the sinful world shall be destroyed and when His children will not perish but will be saved and receive eternal life.

The Holy Spirit said, "**For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."(1Thes. 5:3)**

Peace and security can only be given by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the Prince of Righteousness, but they are deceiving people with false peace, claiming that they have brought peace and security to the world by their political power.

Through today's message, the Apostle Paul testifies to the destruction that will appear to them when they say they bring peace and security, and at the same time about the blessings that God's children who have been born again of the Holy Spirit will receive. The day of the Lord that comes to them is the day of judgment, but what happens to the Christians is the opposite of them, and it is the day of resurrection and rapture to eternal life.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus spoke of those who would perish and those who would receive eternal life:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."(John 3:14-16)

Jesus gave a message of grace to all those born into the world during the last two thousand years, stating that whoever does not believe in Him will perish and whoever believes will receive eternal life.

We need to meditate deeply on Jesus' words about "destruction." Of course, the ultimate meaning is that they will go into the fire of hell and be judged forever. However, if a person is born into the world before that, dies, and does not live forever after his body rots into dust, then he can be said to have been destroyed. In other words, failure to be resurrected is destruction. Those who believe the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ while they are alive and are born again in spirit and whose souls are not saved are those who are destroyed.

In Jesus' words to his sister Martha before raising Lazarus, He spoke of His grace to those who believe in Him:

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"(John 11:25)

Then, we must realize when and how we will receive eternal life that those who believe in the Lord Jesus. When Jesus told Martha that she would live even if she died, He was first talking about the resurrection of the body. After that, Jesus raised Lazarus' body, which was decaying for four days.

After the Holy Spirit came, He gave life to the dead spirit and soul of those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and He gave eternal life to the body after the death of the body. Also, on the day of the rapture, when the Lord Jesus appears in the air with the sound of a trumpet while the body is alive, it is the day when Christians receive eternal life when their bodies

are changed into immortal and incorruptible bodies.

However, those who are not raptured will go into the seven-year tribulation and go into destruction. Even if they repent and believe in Jesus afterwards, they do not have the opportunity to receive eternal life through the Holy Spirit.

Regarding the indiscriminate judgment they would receive under the antichrist in the time of the Great Tribulation, the Apostle John wrote down in detail what he saw in the Holy Spirit and opened it for anyone to see.

At that time, there will be a great war on the earth, and they will kill one another. Not only that, but after the war there will be a massive famine around the world. And they will be given authority to kill a quarter of the earth with hunger, death, and the beasts of the earth. There will also be a great earthquake, and the sun will become as black as a cloth woven from the hair of your head, and the moon will become like blood. The stars in the sky will fall to the ground just like a fig tree shaken by a strong wind and an unripe fig falls off.

The kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich, and the captains, and the powerful, and all the servants and all the freemen, hid themselves in the crypts and in the crevices of the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall upon us, and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, saying, For the great day of His wrath has come, who can stand?”

When the trumpet plague begins after the phosphorus plague, hail and fire mixed with blood will be poured out on the earth, and a third of the trees will be consumed and the green grass will be burned up. Also, a third of the sea will become blood, and a third of the living creatures in the sea will die.
Also, a third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars will be struck so that they cannot shine for one third of the day and night.
Out of the endless depths of the pit, locusts will come out of the earth and harm them with the same authority that the scorpions of the earth have.

Also, there will be great woe to the earth and the sea when there is war in heaven and Michael and his angels fight against the dragon and his angels, and the old serpent dragon, called the devil and Satan, is cast down to the earth.
There will be a foul-smelling sores over those who have received the mark of the beast (666). When a great hail of one talent each falls upon people from heaven, they will not repent and blaspheme God.

All these disasters will come upon all those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus and go to destruction. Therefore, we must intercede for those who are on the road to destruction.

We should lift up all of them to God and pray for the Jews who still do not believe in Jesus, for the apostate churches, for the churches that are spiritually asleep, and for the unbelieving family and friends.

The time when they say they have peace and security is not coming, but it is now upon us. In other words, the door of the rapture has already been opened before us, and the spirit of the antichrist has already worked, so many people do not know when he will appear, and too many people will enter the great tribulation and are on the road to destruction.

The eternal life that those who believe in Jesus will receive on the day of the rapture when they are changed into the immortal and incorruptible body.
Amen! Hallelujah!