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# Fairest Lord Jesus

## Hymn 240



# Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

## Hymn 621



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# **Call to Worship**

***Psalm 119:97-104***

**Psalm 119:97-104** Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

# O Worship the King

## Hymn 336



# I Am Thine, O Lord

## Hymn 455





# Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

[plbiblechurch@gmail.com](mailto:plbiblechurch@gmail.com)

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done  
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and  
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

# Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:  
Promise Land Bible Church  
PO Box 1437  
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

# ***Famous Quote:***

*“Never be afraid to try something new.  
Remember, amateurs built the ark;  
professionals built the Titanic.”*

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**Today's Message**

**“Judgment at Christ's Coming”**

**Scripture text: 2 Thessalonians 1**

**2 Thessalonians 1:5-8** This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering--since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

**2 Thessalonians 1:9-12** They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **The Encouragement of Promise (2 Thes. 1:5–10)**

**No matter how difficult their present circumstances may have been, the Thessalonican believers had a secure and glorious future. In fact, their sufferings were evidence, “a manifest token,” that God was righteous, working out His great plan for them. We are prone to think that suffering proves that God does not care, when just the opposite is true.**

**Furthermore, the way we act in times of trial proves to others that God is at work.**

Three experiences are involved in the promises of God for His people.

**Philippians 1:27-30** Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## **Reward (v. 5).**

**“that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering”.** This was one of God’s purposes in permitting their suffering. It does not suggest that their suffering earned them the right to go to heaven, because we know that they were saved through faith in Christ (1 Thes. 1).

The little word **“also”** indicated that this worthiness **related both to their present experience and their future entrance into God’s glorious kingdom.** You find the same idea in 1 Peter 1:3–9.

**1 Peter 1:3-7** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith--**more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--**may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

**One day Jesus Christ will turn the tables and the wicked will suffer while the believers are rewarded. Our Lord never promised us that life here would be easy; in fact, He taught that we would have to face difficulties and fight battles. But. He also promised a future reward for all who were faithful to Him**

**Matthew 5:10-12 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

**Recompense (vv. 6, 7b–9).**

**God will recompense affliction to the lost, but rest to the saved.** To recompense means “to repay.”

Certainly, the wicked who persecute the godly do not always receive their just payment in this life. In fact, the apparent prosperity of the wicked and difficulty of the godly have posed a problem for many of God’s people (see Ps. 73; Jer. 12:1; Hab. 1).

**Why live a godly life if your only experience is that of suffering?**

As Christians, we must live for eternity and not just for the present. **In fact, living “with eternity’s values in view” is what makes our Christian life meaningful today.**

**We walk by faith, and not by sight.**

This brings to mind the story of the two farmers, one a believer and the other an atheist. When harvest season came, the atheist taunted his believing neighbor because apparently God had not blessed him too much. The atheist’s family had not been sick, his fields were rich with harvest, and he was sure to make a lot of money.

“I thought you said it paid to believe in God and be a Christian,” said the atheist.

**“It does pay,”** replied the Christian. **“But God doesn’t always pay His people in September.”**

What kind of a future does the unbeliever face? Look at the dramatic words Paul used to describe it: **tribulation, vengeance, flaming fire, punishment, and everlasting destruction. The Christ-rejecting world will receive from God exactly what it gave to God’s people!** When God recompenses, He pays in kind; for there is a law of compensation that operates in human history.

Pharaoh tried to drown all the male babies born to the Jews, and his own army was drowned in the Red Sea.

Haman plotted to wipe out the Jews, and he and his own sons were wiped out.

The advisers of King Darius forced him to arrest Daniel and throw him into a lions' den, but later they themselves were thrown to the lions.

The unbelieving Jewish leaders who sacrificed Christ in order to save the nation (see John 11:49–53) in a few years saw their city destroyed and their nation scattered.

**John 11:49-53** But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "**You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.**" He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**It is a righteous thing for God to judge sin and condemn sinners.** A holy God cannot leave sin unjudged.

People who say, “I cannot believe that a loving God would judge sinners and send people to hell” **understand neither the holiness of God nor the awfulness of sin.**

While it is true that “God is love” (1 John 4:8), **it is also true that “God is light”** (1 John 1:5), and **in His holiness He must deal with sin.**

**A Christian doctor had tried to witness to a very moral woman who belonged to a church that denied the need for salvation and the reality of future judgment. “God loves me too much to condemn me,” the patient would reply. “I cannot believe that God would make such a place as a lake of fire.”**

The woman became ill and the diagnosis was cancer. An operation was necessary. **“I wonder if I really should operate,”** the doctor said to her in her hospital room. **“I really love you too much to cut into you and give you pain.”**

**“Doctor,” said the patient, “if you really loved me, you would do everything possible to save me. How can you permit this awful thing to remain in my body?”**

It was easy then for him to explain that what cancer is to the body, **sin is to the world; and both must be dealt with radically and completely.**

Just as a physician cannot love health without hating disease and dealing with it, so **God cannot love righteousness without hating sin and judging it.**

# Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

## Hymn 616

