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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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SUFFERING AND SERVICE (RSV)

:00-8:15 Review of historical context and the method of Paul. Paul taught about Jesus from the scripture (OT). Review from Acts 16,17 on the apostle's encounters.

8:15 Teaching on the Roman government's view of religion and Christianity. 1. Romans allowed the conquered people to retain their religion. 2. The people were to add to their religion the worship of the Emperor. 3. No new or foreign religions. The Roman view of Christianity in the early day was that it was a sect of Judaism and therefore not a new religion. However, Rome began to view Christianity as a new religion toward the end of the 1st century and hence it became illegal. In 313 A.D the Edict of Toleration was passed by the Roman senate and Christians were not pursued. By 395 A.D under the emperor Theodosius, Christianity became the "legal" official religion of the state.

At the time of 1 Thessalonians the anti-Christian movement was from the Jews and not the state.

14:25 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 Reading (In studying the bible, the basic unit of study is the paragraph and not the verse.) In verse 13 Paul continues his thanksgiving. Reference 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians; Work of faith, labor of love, steadfastness of hope in Jesus. Teaching.

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18:05 1 Thessalonians 2:13 Paul thanks Thessalonians for accepting the word of God as the word of God. Teaching.

22:50 Exodus 3:10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt. Teaching – God calls Moses (3:10) and Moses responds Exodus 4:10-13 But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” 11 Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” 13 But he said, “Oh, my Lord, send, I pray, some other person. Teaching – when God calls for us to do his will he is able to enable us to complete it. Teaching continues from verse 14-16. Teaching.

26:15 Exodus 7:1 Teaching on “Prophet”. One who speaks the word of the Lord.

28:00 Jeremiah 23:16-17 Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. Teaching on false prophecy – example; Verse 17 encouraging rebellion and promoting the idea of doing your own thing.

30:45 Jeremiah 23:18,21-22 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to perceive and to hear his word, or who has given heed to his word and listened? Teaching. Verse 21-22 teaching.

34:50 1 Thessalonians 2:13 The word has the power to change peoples lives, when and if they are open to it.

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35:40 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Paul recognized that he was not effective because of man's attributes, but only because of the authority inherent in the message itself. Reference Ephesians 5:26 – washed by the water of the word – people's lives are cleansed.

37:10 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 Teaching – troubles and suffering for the Thessalonians is much the same as Christians dealt with earlier in Judea. Teaching. The Jews had been chastised in the Old Testament for rejecting the word, the law and the covenant. Because of that, they lost their land. Reference Deuteronomy 28:63-64 The Lord will take you from the promised land and scatter you among other peoples.

41:00 2 Chronicles 36:15-16 The reason God's judgment fell upon his people – they kept mocking the messengers of God.

42:20 Jeremiah 7:25-26 God's people stiffened their neck at the prophets and the word. Reference Jeremiah 25:3-7 Another example of God's people rejecting the Lord and his messengers. Reference Jeremiah 35:14-15 I have spoken to you persistently, but you have not listened to me.

45:15 Matthew 23:37-38 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! 38 Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate. Teaching – because the Jews had centuries of history rejecting God's prophets, it was easy to reject Jesus. Teaching – stepping back into darkness. You cannot continue to refuse the will of God and come out okay.

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51:00 1 Thessalonians 2:15 The same attitude that rejected the prophets also rejected Paul.

51:20 Acts 2:22-23 Peter tells of the rejection of Jesus.

52:00 Acts 7:51-53 Stephen tells of the rejection of the prophets and the murder of the Son of God. Teaching – if you reject little lights it is easier to reject the big light.

53:00 Acts 13:27-30 Hardened hearts repel the truth. The hardening increases with each rejection.

55:00 Zechariah 9:9 The prophecy of Jesus coming to Jerusalem riding on the back of a donkey. Reference Matthew 21:9 The crowds shouted – Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest. The same lips that shouted Hosanna, shouted “Crucify him”, a week later.

56:25 1 Thessalonians 2:17 Paul wished the Thessalonians to know how much he missed them, because of his fondness for them. Reference 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8.

58:20 1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? 20 For you are our glory and joy. Paul knows that his crown is in those whom he developed for the Lord. Reference Psalm 2:7-8.

1:00:30 2 Corinthians 3:1-3 Paul can see that the fruit of his ministry is in the folks he has nurtured to mature faith. Teaching – you may be the best Christian another person knows – they are reading your life. Do they see the signature of Jesus on you?

1Th. 2:13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus which are in Judea; for you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all men 16 by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they may be saved — so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last!

1Th. 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ex. 3:10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

Ex. 4:10 But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue." 11 Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." 13 But he said, "Oh, my Lord, send, I pray, some other person."

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Jer. 23:16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to every one who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'"

Jer. 23:18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to perceive and to hear his word, or who has given heed to his word and listened?

Jer. 23:21 “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

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1Cor. 2:1 When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Eph. 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

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Deut. 28:63 And as the LORD took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the LORD will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you; and you shall be plucked off the land which you are entering to take possession of it. 64 And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other; and there you shall serve other gods, of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.

2Chr. 36:15 The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; 16 but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words,

and scoffing at his prophets, till the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, till there was no remedy.

Jer. 7:25 From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day; 26 yet they did not listen to me, or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.

Jer. 25:3 “For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened. 4 You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although the LORD persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets, 5 saying, ‘Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and wrong doings, and dwell upon the land which the LORD has given to you and your fathers from of old and for ever; 6 do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.’ 7 Yet you have not listened to me, says the LORD, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

Jer. 35:14 The command which Jonadab the son of Rechab gave to his sons, to drink no wine, has been kept; and they drink none to this day, for they have obeyed their father’s command. I have spoken to you persistently, but you have not listened to me. 15 I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, sending them persistently, saying, ‘Turn now every one of you from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and then you shall dwell in the land which I gave to you and your fathers.’ But you did not incline your ear or listen to me.

Matt. 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! 38 Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate.

1Th. 2:15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all men

Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested

to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Acts 7:51 “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, 53 you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Acts 13:27 For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning him. 28 Though they could charge him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have him killed. 29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead;

Zech. 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass.

Matt. 21:9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

1Th. 2:17 But since we were bereft of you, brethren, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face; 18 because we wanted to come to you — I, Paul, again and again — but Satan hindered us. 19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?

1Th. 2:7 But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Psa. 2:7 I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son, today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

2Cor. 3:1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? 2 You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all men; 3 and you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.