

LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS



2 Thessalonians

Turn to:

2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-18



2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17



**“ETERNAL HOPE FOR THE
MOMENTARILY AFFLICTED”**

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The book's purpose and argument:

Observations:

- 1: 3-4 commend the church
- 1: 5-12 encouragement for the church
- 2: 1-12 correcting error in the church
- 2: 13-17 reinforce truth to the church
- 3: 1-5 request prayer from the church
- 3: 6-15 instruct the church in proper living
- 3: 16-18 blessing and conclusion



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- 1. Our Eternal Hope (“but”)**
- 2. Our Present Task (“Therefore”)**
- 3. Our Person of Trust (“Now”)**



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2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 (NKJV)

10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



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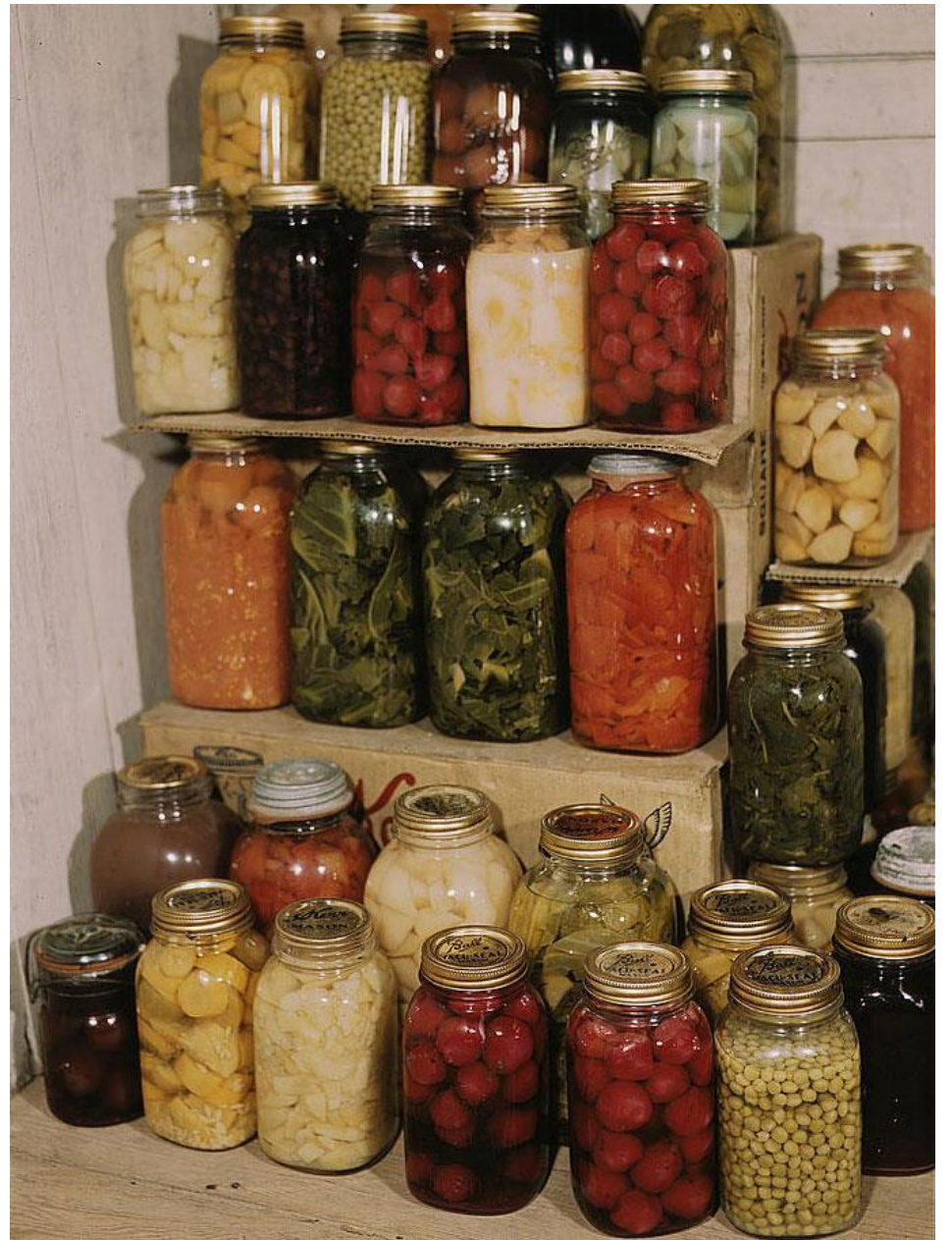


Our Present Task:

1. Stand fast

2. Maintain your grip





1 John 1:1–4 (NKJV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

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Application:



- Do you understand the process of salvation?
- Does your future glorification change how you live?
- Do you stand fast and hold the teaching of the Bible?
- Do you trust in God alone to work in and through you?

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