

# Our perseverance is precious to God

*2 Thessalonians 1*

Slides from Mike Hood's sermon  
at the morning service, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024

*Where is the justice?*

*Where is Jesus?*

*What is he going to do about it?*

*A day will come when **Jesus is revealed,**  
**justice is done,** and it becomes clear that  
**our perseverance is precious to God.***

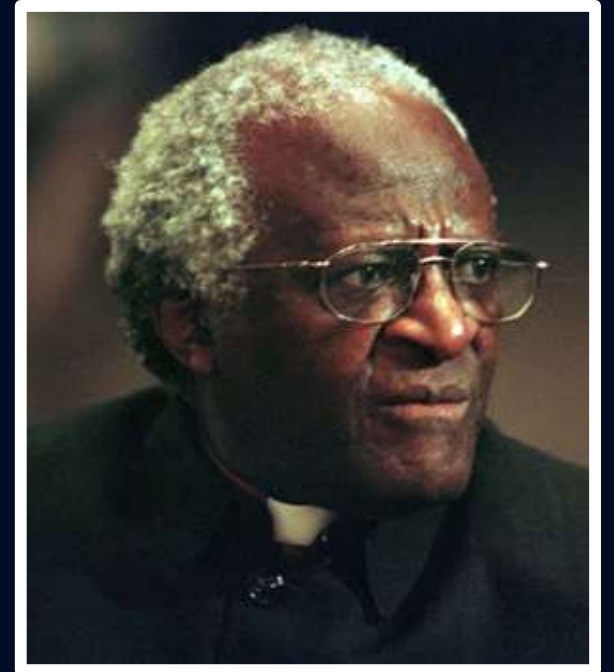
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# Why God's judgment is an encouragement to those persevering in pain (v5-7a)

“As a victim of injustice and oppression, you lose your sense of worth as a person, your dignity.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



# Why God's judgment is an encouragement to those persevering in pain (v5-7a)



“I cried for them, and with every tear that fell I wondered who is going to find these little girls, who is going to tell them how much they are worth, how valuable they are, how deserving of justice and protection? Who is going to tell these little girls that what was done to them matters? That they are seen and valued, that they are not alone and they are not unprotected? And I could not do that, but we are here now, and today that message can be sent with the sentence you hand down. You can communicate to all these little girls and to every predator and to every little girl or young woman who is watching how much a little girl is worth.”



# The **When, Who & What** of God's judgment (v7b-10)

- **When?** (v7b)
- **Who?** (v8)
- **What?** (v9-10)

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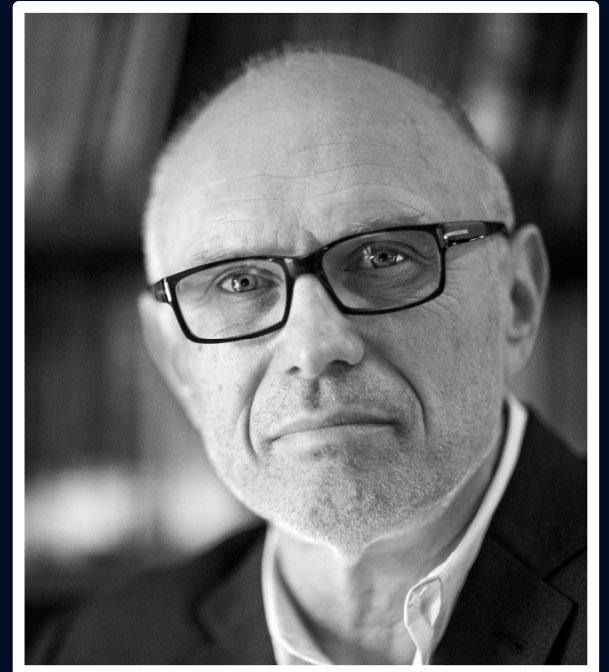
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# The **When, Who & What** of God's judgment (v7b-10)

“The day of reckoning must come, not because God is too eager to pull the trigger, but because every day of patience in a world of violence means more violence and every postponement of vindication means letting insult accompany injury.”

Professor Miroslav Volf



# The **When, Who & What** of God's judgment (v7b-10)

“he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

**Why** it's worth living for Jesus now, whatever  
the cost (v11-12)

*glory = worth made visible*