

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because **when you received the word of God which you heard from us**, you welcomed *it* not as the word of men, but **as it is in truth, the word of God**, which also **effectively works in you who believe.**”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

“For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For **you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure of* their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.”**

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

“But we, brethren, having been **taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart**, endeavored more **eagerly to see your face** with great desire. Therefore we wanted to come to you--even I, Paul, time and again--but **Satan hindered us.**”

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18

HINDERING THE WORD

“I read the paper every day and the Bible every day; that way I know what both sides are up to.” — **Zig Ziglar**

Satan Could NOT:

- Stop Prophecies **2 Peter 1:19**
- Stop Jesus' Life **John 12:31-32**
- Stop Gospel Salvation **Acts 8:12**
- Stop Church **Acts 26:9-11**

1. Hold The Word v.13

You Have Received The Word Of God
NOT As The Word Of Men
Effectively Works In Believers

*Crippled Elizabeth Barrett Married
Robert Browning, 1846,
Lived in Italy. Wrote Father, 10 Yrs.,
Unopened Letters Sent Back!*

GOD = APOSTLES = BOOK

2. Hurt The Believers v. 14-16

Thessalonians Acts 17:1-11 (v. 5-8)

Judeans Acts 2:22-24; 8:1-4

Killed the Lord & Their Prophets

Persecuted Apostles ("us")

Do NOT Please God

Contrary To All Men

Forbids Spread Of Gospel

(Facebook, Google, Media)

"Wrath Has Come To Them"

3. Hope For Future v.17-18

United In Heart, If Not "In Presence"

One In Faith, Love, Sufferings

Separations "For A Short Time"

Eager Desire "To See Your Face"

In House & Worship Service

Struggles Are Satan-driven!

WORD OF GOD CONQUERS ACTS 18:8