

2 Thess. 2:2

Henry Alford in The Greek Testament, Vol. III (Cambridge, 1865), p. 289.

the day of the Lord is present (not, 'is at hand:' $\acute{\epsilon}\nu\iota\sigma\tau\eta\mu\iota$ occurs six times besides (reff.) in the N.T., and always in the sense of being present: in two of those places, Rom. 8:38, 1 Cor. 3:22 $\tau\acute{\alpha} \acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\sigma\tau\acute{\omega}\tau\alpha$ are distinguished expressly from $\tau\acute{\alpha} \mu\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\lambda\omicron\upsilon\tau\alpha$. Besides which, St. Paul could not have so writta, nor could the Spirit have so spoken by him. The teaching of the Apostles was, and of the Holy Spirit in all ages has been, that the day of the Lord is at hand. But these Thessalonians imagined it to be already come, and accordingly were deserting their pursuits in life, and falling into other irregularities, as if the day of grace were closed.