

2 Timothy 3:1-15

**“Discernment in
Perilous Times”**

Introduction

The Bible is the one antidote against Apostasy and Church Corruption. The Roman Church pushed the Bible aside and brought on the Dark Ages. The Protestant Church rediscovered the Bible, but now neglects it. Widespread disregard of the Bible by the present day Church is simply appalling. Many prominent church leaders not only neglect the Bible, but with great intellectual pride, in the name of “modern scholarship,” resort to every conceivable means to undermine its Divine Origin and toss it aside as a patchwork of “Hebrew Thought.”

– Henry Halley, Halley’s Bible Handbook

Introduction

Key Verse

1:12-13 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

V 1

You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet

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“The word was used in classical Greek both of dangerous wild animals and of the raging sea. Its only other New Testament occurrence is in the story of the two Gaderene demoniacs who were as savage and untamed as wild beasts and whom Matthew describes as ‘so fierce that no one could pass that way’ (Matthew 8:28).”

(Stott – as quoted by Guzik)

V1 – You Ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet

Psalm 33:12a

Blessed [is] the nation whose God [is] the LORD

Psalm 144:15b

Happy [are] the people whose God [is] the LORD!

Vv 2-5

Familiar, Yet Different

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Matthew 24:36-39

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. "But as the days of Noah [were], so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

"For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Genesis 6:11-13

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Vv 6-7

Look Out For Creeps

Vv 8-9

They Will Progress No Further

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1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them [spirit of the Antichrist], because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Vv 10-12

Persecution in Following Jesus

Take It Home – Vv 13-15

- 1. Continue in the things you have learned**
- 2. Seek teachers with a high respect for God's Word – and know them**
- 3. Hold to the Holy Scriptures...**
- 4. ...Which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus**
- 5. Don't shake your head, bow it before the LORD and cry out for mercy.**

MEDITATION VERSE

2 Timothy 3:14-15

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned [them], and ...you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

BENEDICTION

2 Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that [pertain] to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption [that is] in the world through lust.