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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

"YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION."

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SCRIPTURE READING: **2 TIMOTHY 3:12-17**

2 Timothy 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

1. BACKGROUND

- a. We know Paul wrote this epistle around A.D. 67.
- b. Paul had been arrested and the end of his life was A.D. 68 when he was beheaded in Rome.
- c. Just before Paul's death he was giving instructions concerning the Gospel to young Timothy, his son in the faith. He is also telling Timothy what he must do after his departure.
- d. There are three verses that state the theme and set the tone of **2 Timothy**.
 1. All Scripture is inspired. **2 Timothy 3:16**, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."
 2. Study to shew thyself approved. **2 Timothy 2:15**, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."
 3. Preach the Word. **2 Timothy 4:2**, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."
- e. Worthy to note, the aforementioned verses have a direct application to pastors, preachers and those called to share God's Preserved Word.
- f. Paul's comments are particularly important because they were made to young Timothy just before Paul's death.
- g. All of Paul's instruction in Scripture is to be noted with a high degree of interest, however; these aforementioned words are most precious.
- h. These deathbed instructions to Timothy are profound, and emphatic.
- i. While Paul was incarcerated in a Roman prison, cold, and lonely, he gives Timothy instructions for the last days.
- j. We hear him as he tells Timothy words that come directly from the Throne of God.
- k. Paul says in **2 Timothy 4:7**, *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."*
- l. Paul gets very personal in these four chapters that are loaded with great gems of information for the last days.
- m. **2 Timothy** speaks about apostasy; which means total desertion from the principles of the faith.
- n. Apostasy does not come from ignorance; we find that in the last days there will be deliberate error. **1 Timothy 4:1**, *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."*
- o. The intentional departure from the faith is where we are in America today.
- p. People who are off into apostasy, many know the truth, know the Gospel, doctrines of faith, and have neglected to teach and preach them. They do not want to know the facts.
- q. The Lord made a statement in **Luke 18:8** that should capture all of our attention, *"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith in the earth?"*
- r. The answer lies in the fact that wholesale apostasy will take place on the earth. **Amos 8:11**, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:"
- s. The visible church in our day has entered the orbit of awful apostasy. The preaching and teaching

- of the whole counsel from the Word of God is extremely rare in our vast religious system.
- t. Paul speaks about this as he challenges young Timothy. **2 Timothy 4:3-4**, "*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. 4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*"
 - u. The Preserved Word of God is the only thing that will keep men and women from turning to an apostate condition. The Bible is the most valuable possession we have on this earth.
 - v. However, the attack on the very essence of the Preserved Word of God, and the doctrine of the total depravity of man and justification by faith should be of utmost importance to every born again believer and to us who are fundamental in the faith.
 - w. Man is in such a state that he cannot save himself even if it were possible to be perfectly obedient. The law was not given to save but to show the sinful condition of mankind. **Romans 3:20**, "*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*"
 - 1. Only God's plan of salvation can provide a new nature and rescue sinful mankind. **2 Peter 1:4**, "*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*"
 - 2. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who is able to save. **John 14:6**, "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"
 - x. There are three main areas that represent departure from the faith.
 - 1. Liberalism doing it in man's way and changing God's Preserved Word. **Deuteronomy 4:2**, "*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*"
 - 2. Ethics; the preaching of another Gospel that does not cause anyone to be upset because of their sin. A feel good approach to life is the order of the day. **Galatians 1:6**, "*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:*"
 - 3. Social Gospel; fostering better relationships with and among each other, certainly are needed but should not be substituted for the Word of God.
 - y. God's Word, rightly divided, is sufficient to take care of the three aforementioned areas.
 - z. There are several themes prevalent in **Second Timothy**:
 - 1. The Spirit of God gives His children not fear but one of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. **2 Timothy 1:7**, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*"
 - 2. Persecution is a certainty for those who have committed their life to Jesus Christ. **2 Timothy 3:12**, "*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*"
 - 3. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. **2 Timothy 3:16**, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*"
 - 4. Christians should avoid disputes and quarrels in their lives but especially as it relates to God's Word. **1 Corinthians 1:10**, "*Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*"
 - 5. God's Word is not on trial and needs no defense from mankind; it is forever settled in Heaven. **Psalms 119:89**, "*For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.*"
 - 6. In the final analysis we know some will believe and some will believe not. **Acts 28:24**, "*And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.*"
 - 7. Though all may forsake us, God will always remain true. **Hebrews 13:5**, "*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*"

2. INTRODUCTION

Refer to the Morning message June 9, 2019

3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

g. And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

- 1. **2 Timothy 3:12**, "*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*"

2. There is no question that if you stand for the cardinal truths of the faith, it is a very unpopular stand today.
3. I had one lady say to me "Why is God only speaking to you?"
4. I am not so naive to believe that God only speaks to me; but I did tell her that maybe I was one of the few who was listening to God.
5. We must be willing to listen to what God has to say and put aside our preconceived notions and our experiences and what we have experiences. When the truth is plainly presented to us regardless of what we have been taught we must embrace the truth. **John 8:32**, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
6. I believe the Word of God is truth; I believe it from **Genesis 1** to the end of **Revelation**.
7. I believe that it is in order; perfectly Preserved in the Authorized King James 1611 Bible. **Psalms 12:6-7**, "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7: Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**" **Matthew 24:35**, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."
8. It cannot be improved upon or altered in any way.
Psalms 119:89, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."
9. We must accept God's Word as it is.
- h. **But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse.**
 1. **2 Timothy 3:13**, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."
 2. Deception this day and time is so much a part of the Christian's life.
 3. We simply will not do the research. The attitude is "don't confuse me with the facts."
 4. We are willing to accept what some man, relative or some friend has told us.
 5. My words today are of caution to Chesswood Baptist Church; don't trust men, woman, friends, or relatives; go to the Word of God and glean for yourself what the truth is.
 6. There is no question that Jesus Christ is coming back.
- i. **But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned.**
 1. **2 Timothy 3:14-15**, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**"
 2. For those of you who thought that I might have been off when I said "don't trust friends," - don't trust your pastor: if he is a true disciple of Christ and giving out the Word of God, you will know it in no uncertain terms.
 3. Paul was very careful to tell Timothy to continue in the things that he had learned.
 4. Of course we know Timothy had learned the Scriptures from the Apostle Paul, his grandmother and his mother and grew up with the Word of God. **2 Timothy 1:5**, When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
 5. Paul is telling him that the Scriptures are able to make him wise unto salvation.
 6. What kind of salvation is Jesus Christ talking about? He is referring to salvation the Bible way. How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and was raised from the dead the third day for our justification.
 7. **Romans 8:1**, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."
 8. There are three tenses of salvation.
 - a. I have been saved from sin; Jesus paid it all.
 - b. I am being saved from sin; He ever liveth to make intercessions for us.
 - c. I shall be saved from sin; in a moment in the twinkling of an eye He will change our bodies.
 9. **1 John 3:2**, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."
 10. Jesus has salvation in His own hand.
 11. Timothy was instructed from a child and had known the Holy Scriptures which is able to make one wise.
 12. Wisdom only comes from God. **Proverbs 2:6**, "For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth

cometh knowledge and understanding."

j. **All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God.**

1. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."*
2. Notice Paul says "ALL Scripture."
3. He means Genesis 1 all the way to the end of Revelation.
4. We have to lay all Scripture side by side and respect the inspiration of God's Word.
5. The Bible says in **2 Peter 1:20-21**, *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21: For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*
6. We should not allow unholy men to undo what holy men have written.
7. Notice this verse says *"Profitable for doctrine."*
8. Where should our doctrine come from? It should come from the Preserved Word of God. For the Church that is Romans through Philemon. **John 7:17**, *If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*
9. It is not something man develops in the midnight hour and in their own minds.
10. *"For reproof,"* - Means conviction.
11. Many of us want to stay away from the Authorized 1611 King James because it will bring us under conviction.
12. We don't need a bible that reads like a storybook where there is no conviction.
13. Even in the compromised New King James Version many words of conviction are taken out. We have been led to believe that this is from the same Greek Text as the Authorized Version which is simply not so.
 - a. "Lord" - sixty-six times
 - b. "God" - fifty-one times
 - c. "Heaven" - fifty times
 - d. "Repent" - forty-four times
 - e. "Blood" - twenty-three times
 - f. "Hell" - twenty-two times
 - g. "Jehovah" - is omitted in its entirety in the New Testament
 - h. "Damnation" - is omitted in its entirety
 - i. "Devil" - is omitted in its entirety.
 - j. "Evil" - is changed to words like: distressing, catastrophe, calamity, difficult, harmful, terrible, wild, disaster, doom, trouble, and harm.
14. The New King James ignores the King James 1611- the Textus Receptus - over twelve hundred times.
15. When you truly start analyzing God's Word, you will find the serpent was more subtle and will come in and steal the Words of God.
16. This verse also says *"for correction."*
17. This means to set things right in our lives.
18. As you know, God has not called me to be a policeman, but called me to preach the whole counsel of God.
19. If the Word of God does not straighten out our life, there is no way I can even attempt to do so on my own.
20. *"For instruction in righteousness"* - means discipline; thinking and acting in accordance with God's will. **Romans 12:2**, *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*
21. The word "perfect" does not mean we will get perfection in the flesh.
22. God saves the soul of man and the more we study His Word we see it says in **Psalms 119:130**, *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."*
23. There are a lot of things the Body of Christ can do to grow into full maturity.
24. It is the Preserved Word of God that is fed into the soul that will make the difference. **Psalms 119:130**, *The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*
25. *"Thoroughly furnished unto all good works."* - means fitting God's Preserved Word into our lives can produce holy and righteous living.

26. Notice again "All scripture is given by inspiration of God."
27. As we look at this important passage we see Paul has declared unto us the truth in no uncertain terms.
28. It is amazing what the Holy Spirit can do in a life that will permit Him to flow through us.
29. We cannot live the Christian life; The Holy Spirit must live it through us.
30. In order to have the things God wants us to have there must be joy, prayer without ceasing, and in everything giving thanks. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**, "Rejoice evermore. **17**: Pray without ceasing. **18**: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."
31. What an important passage!

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour today?
- b. If you do not know Jesus as your personal Saviour you will spend an eternity in Hell.
- c. If you do know Him as Saviour, you need to saturate your mind and heart with the Preserved Word of God; get into the meat of the Scriptures.
- d. Settle the fact that you know you have the Preserved Word of God.
- e. Don't be deceived into the lie that it all says the same thing.
- f. There are no two or three Preserved Word's of God.
- g. There is only one Preserved Word of God.
- h. Notice the devil used the Preserved Word of God; he misquoted it on several occasions.
- i. We cannot allow ourselves to fall into that trap; Salvation is too important.
- j. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23**, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
- k. **Matthew 11:28-29**, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29**: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."
- l. Come to the side of the living Saviour today and be saved.
- m. Please stand.

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