

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: 2 Thessalonians – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2Thessalonians 2:9-14 – Prophecy for all who receive not the love of the truth

Today’s Message:

“Left Behind”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued Paul’s 2nd letter to the Thessalonians and learned the identity of antichrist will soon be revealed! For the *mystery of iniquity* has been at work for thousands of years! Today, we learn the prophetic future of all those who have had an opportunity to be saved in the Church Age and have chosen to **REJECT** Jesus Christ. For them, the Bible says antichrist will come with great deception! And the devil is counting on man’s propensity towards evil; his deception is going to be **real**. The antichrist will come *after the working of Satan* with all **POWER and** signs **and** lying wonders! And, because they rejected the **LOVE** of the truth, God will allow them to follow their foolish heart to eternal damnation.

LEARNING TOGETHER

- REVIEW: *That Day* – believers were shaken in MIND and troubled about future events. (1-2)
- REVIEW: *That Apostasy* – Paul taught the Rapture will be preceded by a FALLING AWAY. (3a)
- REVIEW: *That Man* – Paul and the word of God have clearly REVEALED that man of sin. (3b-4)
- REVIEW: *The Doctrine* – the believers KNEW well the doctrine of the antichrist. (5-6)
- REVIEW: *The Mystery* – Satan had and has OPPOSED God throughout human history. (6-9a)
- REVIEW: *The Victor* – that Wicked will be revealed, and then DESTROYED by Jesus Christ. (8)

A. The Text 2 Thessalonians 2:9-14

#1. The Lying Wonders – the antichrist will come with GREAT deception. (9)

ANTICHRIST WILL COME

✓ **WITH ALL ...**

The world is ready to be duped by **lying wonders**.

POWER *Job 1; 41:33 (Upon earth there is not his like); Eph 2:2*
SIGNS *Ex 7:22; 8:7, 18; Mt 24:24; 2Tim 3:8; Rev 13:1-5, 11-15; 18:23; 19:20*
LYING WONDERS *Jn 8:44; Acts 8:9-11; 2Cor 4:4; 11:3,14; Rev 12:9; 20:3,8,10*

✓ **And WITH ALL ...**

W1828 “Deceivableness”
 1. Liableness to be deceived.
 2. Liableness to deceive.

DECEIVABLENESS of unrighteousness IN THEM *Rom 16:18; Eph 4:14; 2Pet 2:18*
W1828: “Liableness” – Subject; obnoxious; exposed.
Liableness, in this sense, is always applied to evils. We never say, a man is liable to happiness or prosperity, but he is liable to disease, calamities, censure; he is liable to err, to sin, to fall.

NOTE The alluring *Charismatic* signs and wonders have the same source; very deceptive!

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#2. The Strong Delusion – Christ rejectors will BELIEVE a lie; be damned. (10-12)

THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH

They could have received Jesus Christ but CHOSE to REJECT Him.

- ✓ The “them” are LOST sinners. *In them that PERISH Ezek 33:11; Lk 13:3, 5; 2Pet 3:9*
- ✓ They REJECTED God’s free gift. *BECAUSE they RECEIVED NOT Jn 1:12; Rom 5:15-18*
- ✓ The truth is JESUS CHRIST! *The LOVE of the truth Jn 14:6; Rom 8:39; 1Jo 3:16; 4:9*
- ✓ They could have been SAVED! *That they might be SAVED. Eph 2:8,9; Rom 10:9-13*

NOTE God has shown them the most love! They choose sin over the Saviour’s love.

AND FOR THIS CAUSE

W1828
*“Delusion”
A misleading
of the mind.*

- ✓ God will give them UP. *God shall send them STRONG DELUSION... Rom 1:24,26,28*
- ✓ They will BELIEVE a lie! *That they should BELIEVE A LIE... 2Sam 7:28; Rom 3:4*
- ✓ They will ALL be damned! *That they ALL might be DAMNED... Mt 23:33; Rom 3:8*
- ✓ It was their willful DECISION! *Who BELIEVED NOT the truth... Heb 4:2; 3:12-15*
- ✓ They LOVED their sin more! *But had PLEASURE in UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. 2Tim 3:4*

NOTE God will ultimately give people what they wanted; what a scary place to be!

#3. The Saving Faith – thanks be to God for SAVING all who trust Christ! (13-14)

BRETHREN BELOVED OF THE LORD

- ✓ Salvation is THANK worthy! *But we are bound to give THANKS always TO GOD...*
- ✓ God wants ALL to be SAVED! *Because God hath... chosen you TO SALVATION...*
- ✓ The Holy Spirit SANCTIFIES! *Through sanctification of THE SPIRIT...*
- ✓ God saves ALL who by faith BELIEVE THE TRUTH! *BELIEF OF THE TRUTH...*
- ✓ God calls when we preach the GOSPEL! *Whereunto he called you BY OUR GOSPEL...*
- ✓ Believers are GLORIFIED in Him! *To the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

NOTE Surely God has been good to us! Amen. We ought to PRAISE Him always!

B. The Application (How will you apply this truth to your life?)

1. In God’s wisdom, you were given this truth in advance; you are a STEWARD.

QUESTION What will you do with this truth? How does this truth change you? **1Cor 4:1**

2. The love of Christ must move and motivate you to do SOMETHING for Him.

QUESTION If you love people, you must do all you can to warn and teach them. **Col 1:28**

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