

The Lord's Prayer

Deliver us from evil

Part 3 – Warfare of the Mind: Overcoming Deception

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Doctrines of demons - Apostasia

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them **a great number of teachers** to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. – **NLT2**

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- These people will gather a GREAT NUMBER of teachers
- **BUT YOU** - keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry

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2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, **2** not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. **3** Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion (apostasia) comes first, and the man of lawlessness (anomia) is revealed, the son of destruction, **4** who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. - ESV

➤ **This week I want you to remember two Greek Words**

1. Apostasia – False Teaching/ apostasy
2. Anomia – Lawlessness

➤ **The Great Apostasia/ falling away – leads directly to the rise of The Antichrist**

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2 Thessalonians 2:5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6** And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, **10** and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. **11** Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, **12** in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. – ESV

Why this warning about evil

➤ The legacy of Jesus

John 16:1 “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, - ESV

- The fact that we were warned that demonic deception and false teachers would mark “The Last Days” authenticates the Word of God
 1. It confirms the validity of prophecy
 2. It confirms God’s sovereignty
 3. It is a warning given to protect us

God has a different destiny for those who stand firm!

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. **14** To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, **2** and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. **3** But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. **5** May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.— ESV

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Blessings:

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, **17** comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Response

➤ **Discussion:**

1. What impacted you most from the Word today? What will your response in obedience to God be?
2. Comment on the Scripture:

➤ **Pray for the Remnant Church to be raised up in courage, power, and multiplication of disciples**