

L8: 2 Timothy 3:1-13 - Perilous Times Shall Come

Introduction:

- Paul's second imprisonment (not the same as 1st)
- Suffering for standing for the word of God
 - Soldier
 - Athlete
 - Farmer
 - Workman
- Reward, honor, glory for faithfulness

Preview:

- The Times Coming, The Times Here (:1-5)
- Resisters of Truth (:6-9)
- Heralders of Truth (:10-13)

Sermon:

The Times Coming, The Times Here

{2 Timothy 3:1} This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

- **"This know also,"**
 - 2 Timothy 2:22-26
 - Doesn't mince words
- **"that in the last days perilous times shall come."**
 - Romans 8:35 - Adversaries tactics
 - 2 Corinthians 11:25-28
 - **"last days"**
 - After Paul's death
 - **"perilous times shall come"**
 - Times defined by peril
 - Dangerous; hazardous; full of risk; dreadful; terrible
 - Particular exposure of person or property to injury, loss or destruction from any cause whatever

{2 Timothy 3:2} For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

- **"for men"**
 - Within and without
- **"shall be lovers of their own selves"**

- Matters of the heart
 - Not economic issues
 - Issues of war
- "covetous" -
- "boasters"
- "proud"
- "blasphemers"
- "disobedient to parents"
- "unthankful"
- "unholy"

{2 Timothy 3:3} Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

- "without natural affection"
- "trucebreakers"
- "false accusers"
- "incontinent"
- "fierce"
- "despisers of those that are good"

{2 Timothy 3:4} Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

- "traitors"
- "heady"
- "highminded"
- "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;"

{2 Timothy 3:5} Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- **"having a form of godliness"**
 - 1 Timothy 6:20 - "keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:"
 - Philosophy
 - Psychology
 - Political Science
 - Systems
 - Systems of Theory
 - Secular Humanism
 - The American Constitutionalism
 - Form of thinking, a form of conduct, a form working

- Better humanity
 - Isa. 5:20-25
- "but denying the power thereof:"
 - The power of godliness
 - The Word of God, the Sword of the Spirit
 - Do so in measure
 - World and the church

Resisters of Truth

{2 Timothy 3:6} For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

- **"For of this sort"**
 - A form of godliness, but don't have the power
- **"are they which creep into houses,"**
 - To move with the belly on the ground; to move secretly
 - Come into the church
 - Acts 20:28-32
- **"and lead captive silly women"**
 - 2 Tim. 2:26
 - **"silly women"** - men and women that will believe superstition, visions, dreams, surmisings, fables, conspiracies - "gain is godliness"
 - Weak in intellect; foolish; witless; destitute of ordinary strength of mind
 - **"laden with sins"**
 - To put on as a burden
 - Entangleth himself with the affairs of this life
 - Unlawful striving of reward
 - Striving about words
 - Vessels of wood and earth
 - **"led away with divers lusts,"**
 - Other pursuits than godliness

{2 Timothy 3:7} Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- **"ever learning"**
 - Learning the sciences

- They learn the forms of godliness
- Rom. 16:19 - become simple concerning good and wise concerning evil
- **"and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."**
 - Forsake the truth in their learning
 - Forsake the truth in their thinking
 - Forsake the truth in their living
 - 1 Tim. 4:6-16

{2 Timothy 3:8} Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

- **"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses"**
 - Their form of godliness without power (appearance of power)
 - Contrast to godliness with power
- **"so do these also resist the truth"**
 - Withstand
 - To act in opposition
- **"men of corrupt minds"**
 - Mind earthly things
- **"reprobate concerning the faith."**
 - Not enduring proof or trail (sucked up into this)
 - Do not purge themselves

{2 Timothy 3:9} But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

- **"But they shall proceed no further:"**
 - The sound of that which is temporary
 - Does not have the sound of eternity
- **"for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was."**
 - Now or at the judgment seat of Christ
 - Judgment day

Heralders of Truth

{2 Timothy 3:10} But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

- "my doctrine"
- "manner of life"
- "purpose"
- "faith"
- "longsuffering"
- "charity"
- "patience"

{2 Timothy 3:11} Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

- "persecutions"
- "afflictions"
 - Antioch, Iconium, Lystra
- "I endured"
 - "but out of them all the Lord delivered me."

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

{2 Timothy 3:13} But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

- "evil men"
- "seducers"
 - "wax worse and worse"
 - "deceiving"
 - "and being deceived."

Conclusion: