

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Sermon Title: Times of Trouble and Triumph

Main Point: The servants of God must understand they are serving the Lord in times of great trouble and triumph.

I. Times of Great Trouble (1-6; 1 Timothy 3:14-16)

II. Times of Great Triumph (7-9; Acts 2:14-21; Numbers 16, 2 Timothy 2:19; Exodus 7-8)

Application: How should we live in these times?

We should:

1. Recognize ourselves in the sins of others (Romans 1-3)
2. Be grateful for God's mercy (Luke 18:13-14)
3. Be merciless to the sins we see in ourselves (Romans 8:13).
4. Be full of the Spirit (2 Timothy 1:6-7)
5. Be committed to the purity of the church (2 Timothy 3:5)

Bonus Quote:

"...if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory"