

2nd Timothy

Chapter 3

Vs 4-9

Apostasy in the Last Days

The Antidote: The Word of God

- In the universe there is God,
and there are people and things.
- We should worship God,
love people, and use things.
- If we start worshiping ourselves,
we will ignore God, and start loving things,
and using people.
- This is a formula for a miserable life.

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- *"Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth! Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might!"*

– 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

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- In these days of man-centered religion, verses like these have been ignored.
- The pulpits of our land preach . . .
 - a defeated God,
 - a disappointed Christ and
 - a defenseless Holy Spirit.
- Man has been deified — and God dethroned
- God has been relegated to the background.

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- The God most people believe in has benevolent intentions, yet He is unable to carry them out. He wants to bless men, but they will not *let* Him.
- The average church-goer thinks Satan has gained the upper hand, and that God is to be *pitied* rather than worshiped. **The god of popular Christianity** has a weak smile and a halo!

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- To suppose in the slightest that God has failed, or that He has been defeated, is the height of foolishness and the depth of impiety! The religious world needs to get God off the charity list!
- The Bible knows nothing of *a defeated, disappointed, and defenseless God.*
- The God of the Bible is the "Almighty God"
 - (Genesis 17:1)
- Who has all power in Heaven and on earth
 - (Matthew 28:18)

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- With Him nothing is impossible
 - (Luke 1:37)
- or too hard
 - (Jeremiah 32:17)
- His eternal purpose is being worked out. Everything is going according to His plan, and all things are under His control.
- The God of the Bible is the Supreme Being in the universe! He is the most High, higher than the highest. He has no superiors and no equals.

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- *God is God. He does . . .*
 - *as He pleases,*
 - *only as He pleases,*
 - *always as He pleases.*
- "He is in one mind, and who can turn Him?
What His soul desires, even that He does"
 - (Job 23:13)
- Agreeing with this is Psalm 115:3: "*But our God is in the heavens: He has done whatever He has pleased.*"

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- *As the Master of the World He declares: "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure!" - Isaiah 46:10*
- God is the Supreme Being and the Sovereign of the universe. He exercises His power . . .
 - *as He wills,*
 - *when He wills,*
 - *where He wills.*

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- *"All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing. But He does according to His will in the host of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of earth. No one can ward off His hand or say to Him: What have You done?" - Daniel 4:35*
- God governs all His creatures and their actions.
- The events that take place on earth do not take place by chance, or fate, or luck.

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- The so-called *accidents* are not even incidents with the Master of the World.
- He numbered the hairs of our head and noted the sparrow's fall in eternity past by His "determinate counsel and foreknowledge"
 - Acts 2:23
- The Master of the World set the bounds of our habitation on earth. The number of our months is with Him, and our days are appointed!

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- God is holding the helm of the universe, and regulating all events.
- The Master of the World "works all things after the counsel of His own will"
 - Ephesians 1:11
- It is God's eternal right to do all His pleasure. He is not accountable to any of His creatures.
- Job 33:13 declares: *"He gives no account of any of His matters."*

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- God controls all things — or nothing.
- He must either rule — or be ruled.
- He must either sway — or be swayed.
- He must either accomplish His will — or be thwarted by His creatures.
- He is not obligated to leave the affairs of this world to be governed by accident, chance, or the will of sinful men.

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- If we admit that God absolutely governs all things according to the counsel of His own will, then we admit that He has determined what shall and what shall not transpire in time and eternity.
- To deny His universal control of all things, is to deny His eternal power and Godhead.
- If He has the power and wisdom to determine all events — then He can cause all things to work together for good to those who love Him - [Romans 8:28](#)

For men shall be lovers of their own selves,
covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers,
disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2 Timothy 3:2

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Isa 5:20-21

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2 Timothy 3:3

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2 Timothy 3:4

[15] **Traitors are betrayers.**

There are some that you don't trust—even within the Body of Christ!

[16] **Heady** = reckless

[17] **Highminded**: blinded by pride; conceited.

[18] **Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.** *Characteristic* of our age: Measure the budgets for entertainment vs. charitable commitments, etc.

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:5

[19] **Having a form of godliness:** Form without force; rituals without reality; without life

- *“From such turn away.” If you are in a dead, cold, liberal church—and if you are a true believer—what are you doing there?*

The Word of God says to avoid such things!

- Chuck Missler

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 Timothy 3:1

- “Perilous times shall come” = dangerous, hard to deal with; savage.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses,
and lead captive silly women laden with sins,
led away with divers lusts,
Ever learning, and never able to come to the
knowledge of the truth.

2 Timothy 3:6,7

- Lives evidence the real condition.
- Never matured; lives unchanged.

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

2 Timothy 3:8

- Jannes and Jamres (only here) were the magicians who confronted Moses **Ex 7 & 8**
 - They actually *also* did miracles **Ex 8:16-19**
 - Satan also *does* miracles; and he is the great imitator. Most Christians underestimate the degree to which he intervenes and manipulates.
 - Reprobate concerning the faith: tested and found counterfeit.

But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

2 Timothy 3:9

- By their fruit you will know them!
- Those who oppose the good will be exposed



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