

All Might be Damned

2 Thessalonians 2:7 – 17

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~ Products and services that are known to have consequences from use or misuse, and products that produce side-effects, are all required to have warning labels on them instructing proper use. Well, did you know God placed a warning label on His Word? It's true. See, those who do not stand for something true will fall for anything and everything false. Lawlessness, discord and division were already a problem in the Apostle Paul's day, and were seriously threatening the love of the brotherhood in the church at Thessalonica – and discord continues in modern churches today. The Thessalonians were sound in their doctrine, to be sure, but it only takes one man who is set on deceiving others to do serious damage to the cause of Christ. The enemy had come in and sown tares at Thessalonica, as we have seen in our last two safari reports; and if you have not read those reports, then I can only suggest you go back and do so now.

The whole truth of the Word of God and lawless tares grow together in this world; a world that is getting worse by the hour; but is also getting better at the same time. Yes, you read that correctly. I understand it sounds like a contradiction in terms - but both just happen to be true. The Word of God is going out to the world more today than at any other time in history; reaching a world that is dissolving into more evil and unrighteousness by the minute. Certainly this forum on which I teach is one channel that could potentially reach nearly a third of the world's population – if they were interested in the truth of the Bible – but, of course, they're not. Even so, this platform is undeniably reaching the ends of the earth. Giant steps could be taken, even in this little rinky dink so-called Spiritual Safari, if we just had the proper support of God's people who truly desired for sound doctrine to be taught to all men. The door is open and the wheat is growing – but so are the tares – which will continue to wax worse and worse.

Even so, the Holy Spirit will not allow the lawless man of iniquity to go all the way to maturity in this age of grace – and we should all rejoice and say “*halleluiah*” about that. The day is quickly approaching when God will

remove His Spirit from restraining evil in this world and, believe me, it will be like breaking down the flood gates on Hoover Dam. Cities and towns will be destroyed in a flash-flood, without warning, all over the world. Antichrist, who has some thirty-odd different aliases in Scripture, will have a brief reign of terror that will consume the lost before being consumed himself by the Lord God Almighty....

7 For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only he who now hinders will hinder, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

~ The “*Spirit of His mouth*” means the Word of God. The Word that became flesh created this universe; God merely spoke creation, and us, into existence. When God said, “*let there be light*” – there was light alright – and that means Holy Writ. Today, the Lord Jesus Christ is the *LIVING* Word of God. It is alive; and is extremely potent. The “*brightness of His coming*” is the Greek “*epiphany*,” and when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, it was exactly that – an epiphany. The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. It was gracious and condescending for Christ to come to this world. Some people talk about a second and third coming of the Lord Jesus to this earth; well, I can give you more than that, friends. He came in Bethlehem, He came in Spirit, He came as the Comforter, He came in Truth, He came on the Day of Pentecost, He is going to come in righteousness, He is going to come in justice, He is going to come in the rapture, He is going to come in judgment — and He is going to come and return to establish His earthly Kingdom. There’s *ten* for you – *ALL* Scriptural references — and that’s just starters. Fold in His historical earthly ministry, the cleansing of the Temple, and His entering of Jerusalem as the Messiah, and I could easily add another ten....

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

~ Let's be clear: Satan's power is supernatural; and it is as real as the nose on your face. I think Satan is going to be a healer who does many miracles; in fact, I *KNOW* he will. The devil will walk on water, turn stones into bread, and control the wind and weather. Our safari has already seen Satan bring the winds that destroyed the sons and daughters of Job. "*Signs*" means "*tokens*;" and the purpose of them is to appeal to the understanding of mankind. Satan is *VERY* appealing to this scientific world as I type this report and as you read it. Satan appeals to politicians, too; and he is *MOST* appealing to the religious world. Of course, we have the phoniest of frauds about today, and the world is suckered by the devil's lies.

If I were ever shocked and amazed – which I am not – but, if I were, it would be at how people are led astray by following their heart concerning things that are positively absurd. Those who are not grounded and firmly rooted in the Word of God blow like dandelions in a hurricane. They incessantly chase any and all religious philosophies, are blown about by every wind of doctrine, every psychological self-help trick imaginable is employed at some time or another, and any theory that tells them they are okay, and that everything is going to be okay, is accepted — until it doesn't work anymore. Then, it isn't. It's not going to be okay for the lost man, friends; you can just write that down – again. We're going to study those things as our expedition through the entire Word of God continues in prophecy, by the way. Lying wonders produces a profound effect when observed – trust me on that. People all over the world already talk about "*great men*" and say "*.... look what he can do.*" Those who do not believe the Gospel – while professing that they *do* believe the Gospel – but don't even know what the Gospel is – fall for any manner of tricks hook, line and sinker. I see it *ALL* the time – and they *NEVER* care much for Andrew Curtis Hunt, by the way – they only want to argue....

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

~ Paul is speaking of those who refuse to receive the love of the truth. There are certain individuals that would *NEVER* challenge my teaching and, in fact, they even openly admit my teaching is correct; but they also say and think I am a "*wolf in sheep's clothing*" and accuse me of being a "*liar*" –

which doesn't even make sense. Well, those insults roll off of me like water off of a gators tail. You can't have it both ways, my beloved. Taking the entire Word of God to the entire world is my business. God may someday tell me to do it differently – or He might find someone else to do it differently – but as long as the Holy Spirit sets it in my heart to do it this way, then this is the way I am going to do it. You can bet your life on that....

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

~ Well, God is and is going to allow the world to believe the world's lies and deceit. It already manifests itself in those who love money, for example. Maybe that seems unfair, but it's not unfair. Remember, God hardened Pharaoh's heart; but it's not as if Pharaoh didn't have a choice. If you think poor old man Pharaoh really wanted to let the children of Israel go, and was weeping and sobbing because God wouldn't let him do that – then you couldn't be more wrong. Pharaoh didn't want to let them go. What God did was make Pharaoh stand by his choice and, thereby, God forced Pharaoh into a decision. The decision was: Pharaoh hardened his heart.

Most Christians are just pussyfooting around like Pharaoh did with the Lord today. They refuse to take a stand for the things of Christ. They won't listen to reason, and sound Bible teaching is unimportant to them; they are closed-minded to doing it – and usually do so while claiming to be super-duper saints. When a man hears the truth of the Word of God and chooses to reject it, then God sends strong delusions upon them. Maybe you don't like that talk? Well, guess what? – God doesn't care what you like or don't like. God doesn't care when you call Him names and put up your ridiculous little fighting effort. If you will not receive the truth, then you *WILL* believe the lie – that's something else you can just write down!

The people today who are the most susceptible to cults and isms are people who have heard the Gospel – usually church members – and they

will canvass a neighborhood on Sunday mornings and at so-called religious functions – like “Gospel” concerts – because they know the weak and ignorant are either at home or out partying in the name of the Lord while ignoring the Word of God and rejecting Christ. Some people sit in the front pew of a church every single Sunday, and then immediately turn and follow the wildest, weirdest and wackiest theories of religious interpretations made by individuals who know absolutely nothing about the Word of God.

The false, self-professing believer knows exactly what they are doing; make no mistake about that. They prey on those who are religious, but who never study the Bible. They know they will be received by those who have pleasure in unrighteousness, and in the things of the world. Look, I know this isn’t very nice, and I know people do not like what I am teaching – but – guess what? I am telling you God’s truth in this Spiritual Safari; irrespective of whether you believe it, understand it, accept it, like it – or not. That’s the way it is. God does it that way – His way – He says so right here in His Word.

Now, it gets worse – much worse; so, let me warn you once again: please do not read this report. Just stop here. Go do something else. Thank you. The hypocritical lie that antichrist peddles says to *MANY* people, “.... *you sure were smart not to become a religious nut case by believing Jesus was going to come take you out of this world in a rapture.*” I could give a hundred different scenarios; but another one that is going around today says, “.... *you smart ones are going to build a kingdom right here on this earth.*” That was started by the World Council of Churches in 1958; and people still believe it. They think they are entering the Millennial Kingdom when they are really going to enter the Great Tribulation period. These are the lies Satan uses. They are extremely effective and, again, many churches and individuals buy into the fraud like a well-designed pyramid scheme. There’s no sense becoming angry at me, friends; God is going to judge – that’s His right. Judgment is His prerogative. Those who believe not the truth *ALWAYS* have pleasure in unrighteousness.

If you can sit and read a safari report while continuing to reject the truth that the Spirit of God is speaking through me to you, then you are *WIDE* open to fall for anything that comes down the pike. You will never be able

to go into the presence of the Lord and say, “.... *I never heard the truth.*” My brothers and sisters – you are reading and hearing the truth *RIGHT NOW* – and you have heard it before from me – and you’ll hear it again, if you ignore my warnings not to read my reports. You’ve likely also heard it in several different places, but you turn your back on it. That makes you the subject of judgment; and your judgment is going to be for His glory. This Spiritual Safari is a savor of life to those who are saved; but a savor of death to those who perish. If you reject the proper, correct and complete lifting up of the Lord Jesus Christ, then I have message for you. I’m not seeking approval, contribution, or your confirmation. I’m not your friend. In fact, I am your worst enemy. Frankly, I am putting you *WAY* out on a very weak limb; and God has the saw in His hand. See, I like *ALL* my enemies just like they are – and who they are – I wouldn’t have it any other way – because unbelief is *YOUR* problem – not mine....

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

~ I might add “*or by the Lord’s reports in His Spiritual Safari.*” Paul had taught the Thessalonians the Word of God as it had been revealed to him by God Himself. Frankly, I am teaching you the same way, my beloved. Verse thirteen begins the practical side of this epistle; specifically, in light of the knowledge of impending future events the genuine believer will live a life that demonstrates he or she believes in the coming of Christ. That doesn’t mean we walk around staring up into the sun all day, or star gazing all night, saying, “.... *oh, I wish Jesus would come right now.*” Frankly, that’s just so much pious nonsense. A right understanding of Biblical prophecy is going to manifest in several different ways. Mainly, believers will become established in the Word of God. Many people say things such as, “.... *I don’t believe in dispensation*” and “.... *I don’t believe Jesus is going to return to*

the earth.” Well, let’s face it: those people don’t study the Bible. If they do study the Bible and hold those views, then they don’t believe the Bible is the Word of God.

Further, believers must become established in their walk in the Spirit down here on earth. Doing all of that will establish us in our work for the Lord; which is a work not of our own choosing, but of God’s choosing. Those three things make all the difference in the world. Verses thirteen and fourteen bring us the total and complete spectrum of salvation. Those two verses run from Dan to Beersheba – from past to present – and on into the future. Remember, we were chosen by God – not the other way around. Paul said, “... *and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God and to them who are called according to His plan and purpose.*” That’s a soft pillow for a tired heart IF – IF – IF we are actually in Christ Jesus. I always warn, however, we had all better take an inventory of our life and make sure we are, in fact, in Christ.

Paul also continues in that passage to say, “... *for whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified....*” That brings us back to verse thirteen in this second chapter of the second epistle to the Thessalonians. Chosen to salvation looks back to the past. All I can really tell you about that is what it says – and I believe it – do you? Spurgeon said, “... *I’m glad God chose me before I got here because, if He had waited until I got here, He wouldn’t have chosen me.*” Andrew C. Hunt says the same thing – because it makes total sense. Maybe that’s not true of you – who knows? It is true of me.

See, whosoever will may come. That’s the sincere, legitimate, and definite offer God makes to everyone. It contains no complications or contradictions. Those who will come are the chosen elect, and are predestinated. Whosoever *won’t* come are *not* the elect. That’s the way it is, as far as we are concerned. It’s very simple; and, yet, it’s just that complicated. Jesus said, “*if any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink....*” The *ONLY* condition is that we have to be thirsty for the True and

Living Waters. This doesn't mean that those who will not turn to Christ aren't the elect, though; it may simply reveal they will not confess they are sinners who need a Savior.

Alright, our Spiritual Safari ends this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God on a practical and easy-to-understand note. "*Sanctification of the Spirit*" is the present condition of the saved man. When sanctification is in the Spirit, it is *practical*; when sanctification is used in connection with Christ Jesus, it is *positional*. God wants us to grow in grace down here while it is called today. This, by de facto, means we are going to desire to study and understand the Word of God properly, correctly and completely. Any sincere son of God wants to hear his Father's voice. That type of legitimate belief will free our minds from all the tangents, arguing, and bickering that has become so common place today. Sincere Bible study will prevent us from being carried away by every wind of doctrine that blows. A sincere Bible study will quash our desire to read every new book *about* the Bible that the religious leaders roll off the press, too.

When we talk about believing and desiring the coming of Christ, but do not study His Word, we deceive ourself and we lie to others. Unless we study the Bible every day, it will never manifest itself in our lives. In this present hour, it seems as if playing up some fad or small-minded facet of religious interest has replaced Bible study; and that, in turn, has caused everything to become a protest of one sort or another. Those people consume courses *about* the Bible like aspirin; but the relief only lasts for a moment. They constantly need to be built-up again. Well, the only way you're ever going to be comforted, edified, established, grow, become deeply rooted, or firmly grounded, and develop good fruit, is by the truth of the Word of God in the Lord Jesus Christ living through and working in your life. Christ in us is the hope of glory – and that is the *ONLY* hope we will ever have in this lost and dying world....

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work ~

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