

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Second Timothy Bible Study — II Timothy 3:1-9 Lesson #8

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Second Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

1-5 But know this, that **in the LAST DAYS perilous times will come: for men will be LOVERS of THEMSELVES, lovers of money, boasters, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS**, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **having a FORM of GODLINESS but DENYING its POWER.** And from such people turn away!

• **Matthew 24:37-39** “But as the _____ of _____ were, so also will the _____ of the _____ of _____ be. For as in the days before the _____, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the _____ of the _____ of _____ be.”

• **Matthew 24:6-8** “And you will hear of _____ and rumors of _____. See that you are not troubled; for all these _____ must come to pass, but the _____ is not yet. For _____ will rise against _____, and _____ against _____. And there will be _____, pestilences (pandemics), and _____ in various places. _____ these are the _____ of sorrows.”

Definition: “In the LAST DAYS perilous times will come” – Perilous means dangerous and difficult. The LAST DAYS means the period of time just before Jesus returns to set up His kingdom on the earth and wipe out His enemies (Jesus also called this “the days of the Son of Man”). The following are **SOME of the signs or indications** that we are to look for before Jesus returns to the earth to set up His kingdom:

A. Moral Conditions/Great Wickedness - Just turn on your T.V. to the nightly news.

• **Luke 17:26** “As it was in the _____ of _____ so it _____ be also in the days of the _____ of _____.”

• **Genesis 6:5 & 8** “And God saw that the _____ of _____ was great in the earth, and that every _____ of the thoughts of his _____ was only _____ continually.” “But _____ found _____ (favor) in the eyes of the _____.”

B. Wars and Rumors of Wars (includes violent rioting and terrorist attacks) - Just turn on your T.V. to the nightly news.

• **Luke 21:9** “But when you hear of _____ and _____, do _____ be terrified; for these things _____ come to pass first, but the _____ will not come _____.”

C. False Religions Increasing/Demonic Philosophies - Just check out your local library, bookstore, and movies and TV shows.

• **I Timothy 4:1** “Now the Spirit expressly says that in the _____ some will _____ from the _____, giving heed to seducing _____ and _____ (teachings) of _____; speaking _____ in hypocrisy...”

• **I Thessaonians 4:16-17** “Let no one _____ you by any means; for that _____ will not come unless the _____ away (apostasy) comes first...”

D. Earthquakes, Famines, Atmospheric Disturbances - Just turn on your T.V. to the news.

• **Luke 21:11** "And there will be great _____ in various _____, and _____ and _____; and there will be _____ sights and great _____ from _____."

E. Health Conditions Worsening - Just turn on your T.V. to the nightly news.

• **Luke 21:11 & 26** "And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and _____ (epidemics of disease); and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven." (Verse 26) "Men's _____ them from _____ and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth..."

Definition: "Men will be LOVERS of THEMSELVES, lovers of money, boasters, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS" - LOVERS of THEMSELVES is pretty obvious - it means they are self-centered and do not think about other people. **BLASPHEMERS** means they say things about God that are false and perverted. All of these are signs of the End Times, that we are close to the return of Jesus Christ to the earth, because "society" and most of human-kind has become totally corrupted and evil.

• **Romans 1:18 & 29-32** "For the _____ of God is revealed from _____ against all _____ and _____ of men, who _____ the _____ in unrighteousness." (Vs. 29-32) "Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, _____, maliciousness; full of _____, murder, strife, _____, evil mindedness; they are whisperers (gossips), backbiters, _____ of God, _____, _____, boasters, inventors of _____, _____ to parents, undiscerning, _____, _____, unforgiving, _____, who, knowing the righteous _____ of God, that those who _____ such things are _____ of _____, not only _____ the same, but also _____ of those who practice them."

Definition: "Having a FORM of GODLINESS but DENYING its POWER" - This is referring to so-called "religious" people, who claim to know God, but they are really unbelievers, and by that fact they are DENYING God's power. Some even claim to be Christians, but they don't really believe the Bible, so if they deny God's WORD, they are denying His power, and God is not working in their lives. In Jesus' day, it was the Pharisees who seemed outwardly so religious, but Jesus said they were EVIL in their hearts.

• **Matthew 9:4** "But _____, knowing their _____, said, 'Why do you think _____ in your _____?'"

• **Matthew 12:34-37** "Brood of vipers! How can you, being _____ speak good things? For out of the abundance of the _____ the _____ speaks. A good man out of the _____ of his heart brings forth good things, and an _____ man out of the _____ brings forth _____ things. But I say to you that for _____ idle _____ men may speak, they will give _____ of it in the day of _____. For by your _____ you will be justified, and by your _____ you will be condemned."

• **Titus 1:15-16** "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are _____ and _____ nothing is _____; but even their mind and _____ are _____. They _____ to know _____, but in _____ they _____ Him, being _____, disobedient, and _____ for every good work."

● **II Thessalonians 3:6** “But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you _____ from every _____ who walks _____ and _____ according to the tradition (teaching) which he _____ from _____.”

6-7 For of this sort are **those who CREEP into households and make CAPTIVES of GULLIBLE WOMEN** loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

● **Romans 16:17-18** “Now I urge you, brethren, note (watch out for) those who cause _____ and _____, contrary to (against) the _____ which you _____, and _____ them. For those who are such do _____ serve our Lord _____, but their own belly (fleshly appetites and desires), and by smooth _____ and flattering speech _____ the hearts of the _____.”

Definition: “Those who CREEP into households and make CAPTIVES of GULLIBLE WOMEN

– In Bible times, these people probably did literally enter into houses, but now, I think **it refers to television and other forms of the media that promote LIES and FALSE information** all the time. “**GULLIBLE**” means NOT having any wisdom or discernment to tell what is true or false, and they believe any LIES or propaganda they hear. **Gullible women (and men, too) fall for these lies and are brainwashed with the LIES of the world’s system**, which the Bible says is controlled by Satan.

● **Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do _____ be _____ to this _____, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____, that you may prove what is that _____ and _____ and perfect _____ of _____.”

● **Ephesians 4:14-15** “That we should _____ longer be _____, tossed to and fro and _____ about with every _____ of _____, by the _____ of _____, in the cunning _____ by which they lie in wait to _____, but, speaking the _____ in love, may grow up in all things into _____ who is the head — _____.”

Definition: “EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE” — Doctrine means “teaching” — we are NOT to be falling for every new kind of teaching or latest “spiritual fad”. Cults, “false gospels” and false teachers are EVERYWHERE!! Many of them **SOUND** Christian, or use the name of Jesus, but **they are a mixture of truth and LIES!** Satan is the FATHER OF LIES and a great counterfeiter. Many true Christians get tricked or sucked into false cults because **they DO NOT know what God’s word really says!!**

● **Colossians 2:8-10** “Beware lest anyone cheat you through _____ and empty _____, according to the tradition of _____, according to the basic _____ of the _____, and _____ according to Christ. For in Him (Christ) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead *in bodily form*; and you are _____ in _____, who is the _____ of all principality and power.”

● **II Timothy 3:13** “But _____ men and _____ will grow worse and worse, _____ and being deceived.”

● **I Timothy 4:1** “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times [*before Christ returns*], some will depart from the _____, giving heed to _____ spirits and doctrines of _____.”

8-9 Now **as Jannes and Jambres RESISTED MOSES**, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for **their FOLLY will be MANIFEST to ALL as theirs also was**.

•**Acts 13:6-8** "Now when they had gone through the island of Pathos, they found a certain _____, a false _____, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Bartabas and Saul and sought to _____ the _____ of _____. But Elymas the _____ (for so his name is translated) _____ them, seeking to turn the proconsul _____ from the _____."

Definition: "As Jannes and Jambres RESISTED MOSES" – The magicians or sorcerers of Egypt were not named in Genesis, but here we see their names revealed. Surprise, surprise! Pharaoh's magicians were able to turn their rods into serpents just as Moses and Aaron did, but the final triumph was that Aaron's serpents swallowed up the magician's serpents. **Satan has power to do some miracles, but they are never true miracles, they don't last**, and only a true miracle from God will last. Paul uses the illustration of the Egyptian magicians to show that **"in the LAST DAYS when perilous times will come" we should be aware of FALSE prophets, FALSE miracles**, and FALSE teachers that will try to lead people astray from God.

•**Exodus 7:10-13** "So _____ and _____ went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And Aaron _____ down his _____ before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a _____. But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the _____; so the _____ of _____, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For every man _____ down his _____, and they became serpents. But _____ rod _____ up their _____. And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the Lord had said."

Definition: "Their FOLLY will be MANIFEST to ALL as theirs also was" – **FOLLY** means being foolish and GULLIBLE. **MANIFEST** means REVEALED, being brought out in the open for everyone to see. **"As theirs also was"** is referring back to **Jannes and Jambres, whose serpents were swallowed up by the serpents of Moses and Aaron**.

•**Proverbs 8:5** "O you _____ ones, _____, and you _____, be of an _____ heart."

•**Ephesians 5:15-17** "See then that you walk _____, not as _____ but as _____, redeeming the time, because the days are _____. Therefore do _____ be _____, but _____ what the _____ of the Lord is."

•**Psalms 1:1-2** "Blessed is the man who does _____ walk in the _____ of the _____, nor stands in the way of (hangs out with) sinners, nor sits in the seat of the _____ (scoffers); but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."

•**I Timothy 5:24-25** "Some men's _____ are _____, preceding them to _____, but those of some men follow later."