

Paul's
2nd Letter to
Timothy



Lesson 3-The Prevailing Darkness of Sin Pierced by our Savior Focus: 2Timothy 3:1-17

➤ **The Sins of the world (v.1-5)**

- *This world has been lost in sins and corruption since people chose to depart from their Creator to follow the perverse desires of their sinful heart! This corruption has grown and festered in the hearts of godless men and women throughout all ages! Apart from the holiness of God and the sanctifying power of God there is no hope for mankind to recover! **Sin is a wretched moral disease that spreads like the flu and kills like cancer.** Mankind grows more and more corrupt and depraved when left to their wicked desires without even a single thought of God in their hearts. The standard of what is right in their eyes sinks lower and lower until the most grotesque of sins is trumped and praised by them as if it were natural innocence and goodness! Indeed, how wicked our world is!!*
- *Jesus said that our world would be evil like in the days of Lot – or Sodom and Gomorrah, and also as in the days of Noah, just before the great flood that covered and destroyed the whole wide world anciently. **This sin is pure selfishness and disregard for the security of all others or the acknowledgment of God our Creator!** Jesus references this last day condition of the world in **Luke 17:26-30** and other places. In the days of Sodom and Gomorrah the place was filled with homosexuality, rape, theft, disrespect, violence, unbelief towards God and many other forms of corruption and sin (See Genesis 19). In the days of Noah, the world was also filled with such corruption and wickedness. The thoughts of men's hearts "were only evil continually." And the whole earth was "filled with violence" so that it terribly grieved the heart of God to the point where He could no longer stand to look at it (See Genesis 6, esp. v.5, 11-13). **Jesus said that in the last days just before His 2nd Coming, the sins of men would be piling up like this.** And of course, we also see this today with the rampant spread of homosexuality and the popularization and widespread acceptance of this sin today; not to mention the sin of fornication, illicit sexual relationships, divorces, profanity, pedophilia, etc. etc, the list goes on and on!! **Our world is sick!** We are terribly in need of a Savior!*
- *Paul mentions these corrupt sins in many other places too, including Romans 1:21-32. People have departed from the Creator and worshiped and served the creator more than the Creator! Because of this, their minds were darkened and they have accepted every corruptible sin in their lives (because they've resisted God), and they have praised those who live in sin.*
- *Jesus also mentioned the sad reality that **"the love of many would grow cold"** in the last days because "iniquity would abound" (Matthew 24:12,13). **The saddest thing is that these sinful "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" would be manifest even***

right in the church!—professing “a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof”
(2 Tim. 3:4,5). Truly dangerous times in the Last Days!!

➤ **People who resisted and fought proudly against the truth of God (v.6-9)**

- (v.6,7) These ones are **practicing adultery**, slipping secretly into their neighbors’ houses to have sexual relationships with another persons’ spouse! **They are “ever learning” things or hearing things from the word of God or from other sources of knowledge for life, but they are never coming to a knowledge of God’s truth BECAUSE THEY PREFER to live in their sins rather than to approach to the Holy light of truth!** (See John 3:17-21). **God will judge such sins, and all who live in them without repentance will burn in the fires of Hell the Bible says.** (See Proverbs 5; 7; 9:13-17, 18).
- (v.8) **Jannes and Jambres’** names are not mentioned anywhere else in the Bible. They cannot be found there. However, Paul was accurate in his mentioning of these names. These two character’s names are very popular among many of the Jewish writers from the time and from other times. These names are mentioned in some other writings and they were assigned to the magicians of Pharaoh who resisted Moses and Aaron anciently by making false miracles or tricks in comparison to Moses miracles which were from God’s power at work. These men resisted the working of God! **Even though they saw the miraculous power of God at work, they were still willing to try and deny or resist it just for the sake of their personal power, position, pride, and pleasures of their monarch—the Pharaoh.** Some try to resist God’s power, truth, and Divine miracles today! Even though God’s very solid evidence of truth is right before their eyes, yet still, they try to deny, reject, and resist the powerful evidence of God and His Holy word! *Let us not be so foolish as to resist the evidence of God, for in the end, we will pay for our sins should we be found to be fighting against God.*
- (v.9) **God will REVEAL and make manifest all of their seemingly secret or private sins (Luke 8:17; 12:1-5).**

➤ **Persecutions of the sinful world towards those who live godly in Christ Jesus! (v.10-17)**

- The world goes on loving and living in their sin and even shows its hatred and contempt for those who would live otherwise! Those who would “live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (v.12). The world hates a righteous word or example because it makes their sin look really bad. **Darkness does not like to come into the light where it can be seen for what it really is!** Therefore, people run around in their sins, and just like in Lot’s day they will cry out, “Don’t judge us,” when they feel their wicked sin is being pointed out to them (Genesis 19:7-9). **Although the whole world would run off in their sins, let us stand firm in Jesus Christ and His strength to follow the Holy light of God’s word!** *The Bible is the revealer of every doctrine or teaching necessary for life and Christ Jesus is pictured at the center of it! Let us behold Christ Jesus who will save us from our sins (Matthew 1:21)!!!!* (Both Old and New Testaments are essential and useful for teaching us our faith. We are to live by the true testimony presented by the two of them combined. Those who reject the authority of the Old Testament are living in sin and rebellion, and in direct opposition to the instruction of these New Testament verses here).

Question (s) for the Heart:

Will you look to Jesus Christ as your great Savior from sin? _____