

## The Book of 2 Timothy

### I. PAUL THE PREACHER (2 TIMOTHY 1).

"Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles" ( 1:11 ).

- A. The preacher and his student (Timothy).
  - 1. His concern for Timothy.
    - a. He prayed for him (1:3).
    - b. He knew his tears (1:4).
  - 2. His confidence in Timothy.

"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." (1:5).

- 3. His counsel to Timothy.
  - a. Stir up your gift (1:6, 7).
  - b. Don't be ashamed.
    - (1) Of Christ's message:

"Be not thou, therefore, ashamed of the testimony of our Lord... "(1:8).

- (2) Of Christ's messenger.

"Nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" (1:8).

- c. Hold fast to sound doctrine.

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (1:13).

- d. Remain true to your ministry.

"That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us" (1:14).

- B. The preacher and himself.
  - 1. He reviews his past performance (ministering as):
    - a. An apostle (1:1)
    - b. A father (1:2).
    - c. A servant (1:3).
    - d. A prisoner (1:8).
    - e. A preacher (1:1 1).
    - f. A teacher (1:1 1 ).
    - g. A sufferer (1:12).
  - 2. He retains his permanent hope (1:12).
  - 3. He regrets the actions of some false friends (1:15).
  - 4. He rejoices concerning the actions of a true friend (1:16-18).
- C. The preacher and his Savior (1:9, 10).

### II. PAUL THE PATTERN (ch. 2).

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2:2).

In this chapter Paul likens the work of the ministry to various things.

- A. A soldier (2:3, 4).
- B. An athlete (2:5).
- C. A farmer (2:6).
- D. A sufferer (2:9-13).
  - 1. The report concerning Paul's sufferings (2:9).
  - 2. The reason for Paul's sufferings--for the elect's sakes (2:10).
  - 3. The rewards of Paul's sufferings (2:11-13).

- E. An instructor (2:14).
- F. A student (2:15-19, 23).
  - 1. He is to study God's Word (2:15).
  - 2. He is to shun man's word (2:16-19, 23).
- G. A vessel (2:20-22).
- H. A servant (2:24-26).

### III. PAUL THE PROPHET (ch. 3).

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (3:1, 13).

- A. The symptoms of this "final days disease" (3:1-9).
  - 1. Some information about these deceivers:
    - a. They will be self-lovers (3:2).
    - b. Lovers of money (3:2).
    - c. Boastful (3:2).
    - d. Arrogant (3:2).
    - e. Revilers (3:2).
    - f. Disobedient to parents (3:2).
    - g. Ungrateful (3:2).
    - h. Unholy (3:2).
    - i. Unloving (3:3).
    - j. Irreconcilable (3:3).
    - k. Malicious gossipers (3:3).
    - l. Without self-control (3:3).
    - m. Brutal (3:3).
    - n. Haters of good (3:3).
    - o. Treacherous (3:4).
    - p. Reckless (3:4).
    - q. Conceited (3:4).
    - r. Lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God (3:4).
    - s. Holding a form of godliness, although denying its power (3:5).
  - 2. Some illustrations:

"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. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith" (3:6-8).

- B. The cure for this final days disease (3:10-17).
  - 1. Continue in the work of God (3:10-12).
  - 2. Continue in the Word of God (3:14-17).
    - a. What it had done for Timothy the lad.

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (3:15).

- b. What it would do for Timothy the leader.

"That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (3:17).

### IV. PAUL THE PRISONER (ch. 4).

"The time of my departure is at hand" (4:6).

- A. His final charge (4:1, 2, 5).
  - 1. Preach the Word of God (4:1, 2).
  - 2. Reach your world for God (4:5).
- B. His final warning (4:3, 4).
- C. His final testimony (4:6, 7).
- D. His final commission (4:10, 12).
  - 1. Titus is sent to Dalmatia (4:10).

2. Tychicus is sent to Ephesus (4:12).
- E. His final requests (4:9, 11, 13, 19).
  1. That Timothy come to him.
  2. That Timothy bring with him:
    - a. John Mark.
    - b. His cloak.
    - c. His books.
- d. His Old Testament scrolls.
  3. That Timothy say good-bye to Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. (4:19).
- F. His final sorrow.
  1. Abused by his foes (4:14, 15).
  2. Abandoned by his friends (4:10, 16).
- G. His final notes of praise.
  1. What God had done for him--stood with him and strengthened him (4:17).
  2. What God would do for him.
    - a. He would reward him (4:8).
    - b. He would deliver him (4:18).