

WEEK 71 GOD BREATHED THE SCRIPTURES

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But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ⁶ 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, ⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹ but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was. ¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:1-17 (NKJV)

LIVE TUNED IN TO JESUS AND HIS WORD

THE KEY TO JESUS, THE GOSPEL AND TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:8-11 (NKJV)

"Resurrection power fill me this hour, Jesus be Jesus in me."

BEWARE AND BE AWARE OF POWERLESS RELIGIOUS PEOPLE

BEWARE—BE CAREFUL, DO NOT BE LIKE THIS

BE AWARE—LOOK FOR DANGEROUS DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS IN OTHERS AND IN YOURSELF

"Religion is the story of what a sinful man tries to do for a holy God; the gospel is the story of what a holy God has done for sinful men." Frank Turek

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be

lovers of themselves

More than God

lovers of money

Greedy

boasters

Braggarts because they are full of pride

proud

Arrogant

blasphemers

Abusive toward others

disobedient to parents

This ungodliness reaches into the family

unthankful

With regard to parents and family

unholy

Not honoring

unloving

The phrase "without natural affection" is the translation of one word that describes "family love." The family is under attack these days, and, as go its families, so goes the nation.

unforgiving

Truce-breakers as opposed to promise keepers

slanderers

The word diablos—devil—he is a liar and slanderer

without self-control

No discipline in the way of God—throw out the recipe

brutal
despisers of good
⁴ *traitors*

Live like savage beasts
They make a mockery of decency and godliness
Describes people who betray others and cannot be trusted. Neither friendship nor partnership makes any difference to them; they lie and break their promises whenever doing so helps them get their own way.
Reckless, rash, acting without careful thought
Puffed-up, conceited

headstrong
haughty

ALL OF THIS REFLECTS A HEART PROBLEM—LOVERS OF MONEY, THEMSELVES, AND PLEASURE

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION? LOVE GOD, LOOK TO TRULY GODLY EXAMPLES AND STEEP (IMMERSE) YOURSELF IN THE WORD

THE MAIN ANSWER TO THIS RELIGIOUS FORM IS TO BE A LOVER OF GOD

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37 (NKJV)

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11 (NKJV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

SEEK OUT GODLY EXAMPLES—PAUL, YOUR GRANDMOTHER LOIS AND MOTHER EUNICE

LOOK TO AND AT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN YOUR SALVATION AND BE EAGER TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE AND BE A GODLY EXAMPLE YOURSELF

DIG INTO THE WORD OF GOD, STEEP OR IMMERSE YOURSELF DAILY IN THE WORD OF GOD

BIBLE STUDY CAN ONLY HAVE FULL IMPACT WHEN THE RISEN JESUS IS LIVING IN YOU

YOU CAN ONLY DEFEAT LIES WITH THE TRUTH

BIBLICAL INSPIRATION IS THE SUPERNATURAL INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE BIBLE'S WRITERS

REVELATION - THE COMMUNICATING OF TRUTH TO MAN BY GOD

INSPIRATION HAS TO DO WITH THE RECORDING OF THIS COMMUNICATION IN A WAY THAT IS DEPENDABLE

Whatever the Bible says about itself, man, God, life, death, history, science, and every other subject is true. This does not mean that every statement in the Bible is true, because the Bible records the lies of men and of Satan. *But the record is true.*¹

SCRIPTURE IS PROFITABLE—USEFUL AND ADVANTAGEOUS

FOR TEACHING OR DOCTRINE—WHAT IS RIGHT

FOR REPROOF—CORRECTION—GETTING THE WRONG RIGHT

FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS—HOW TO STAY RIGHT—ON TRACK

THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS IS PEOPLE DO NOT STAY THE SAME—GODLY PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST AND UNGODLY PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE UNGODLY

¹ Bible Exposition Commentary (BE Series) - New Testament - The Bible Exposition Commentary – New Testament, Volume 2.