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1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from his second imprisonment at Mamertine Prison writes to Timothy who is in Ephesus.



Prologue

1. Paul was well aware that many in Asia had turned away from him. This sad desertion of friends was well known. Recall what we earlier studied:

2Ti 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

2Ti 1:12 **For the which cause I also suffer** these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2Ti 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

2. Instead of being dispirited Paul is urging Timothy to be stimulated, refreshed and renewed by God's Grace. It is well expressed in a wonderful hymn written by Thomas Hasting and John W. Peterson.

ALL THINGS WORK OUT FOR GOOD

All things work out for good we know – Such is God's great design; He orders all our steps below for purposes divine.

This is the faith that keeps me still, no matter what the test, and lets me glory in His Will – for well I know 'tis best.

So now the future holds no fear, God guards the work begun; And mortals are immortal here until their work is done.

Some day the path He chose for me will all be understood, in Heaven's clearer light I'll see until their work is done.

Someday the path He chose for me will all be understood; in Heaven's clearer light I'll see all things worked out for good.

3. Like Elijah, who passed his work to Elisha, Paul is encouraging the continuance of Timothy's ministry to the Churches in Asia.

4. We are now ready for an analysis of 2Ti 2:7-11.

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2Ti 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

2Ti 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

2Ti 2:9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

2Ti2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2Ti 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

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2Ti 2:7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

1. One of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to teach the Word to those who are positive. Joh 14:26; 16:13

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Joh 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

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2Ti 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,

1. Paul in the book of Romans reiterates what the Psalmist said in Psalm chapter thirty-two, a Maskilim Psalm- maskilim means giving instruction.

Psa 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Psa 32:2 Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

2. The thirty-second Psalm is a gem of spiritual and dispensational beauty. It is the first Psalm giving instruction and warning of future discipline to those who reject His word.

3. Let's take a look at two of Paul's uses of this Psalm.

Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Rom 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Rom 4:1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

Rom 4:2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

4. There is a Resurrection to life. There are a number of passages which teach this distinctive part of the Resurrection program.

Luk 14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

Luk 14:14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Phi 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

Phi 3:11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Phi 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Phi 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

Phi 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 11:35 "Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection."

Footnote: The list of deeds in Hebrews chapter eleven is equally impressive. In some cases, the incidents referred to are well known; in others they are more obscure. In each instance, however, something typical of those who live by faith is brought out. The faith life makes such deeds possible. And these are the kinds of experience that those who live by faith are called upon to endure. The list includes events found in the Book of Judges, the greatest of Israel's kings - David, and of course the Lord Jesus Christ-see the story of Elijah.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ...

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him 1000 years.

5. These references show that there is a part of the Resurrection program which is called "the resurrection of the dust", "the out resurrection from the dead, "a better resurrection," "the resurrection of life," and "the first resurrection."

6. These phrases leave some dead unchanged and in a place of torment, where they await a future judgment and sentence to a permanent place of torment. They are judged according to their works. Why works? Because the payment for sin has been made.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And ... they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

7. The "dead" referred to in Rev 20:12 can only be those who were left behind for judgment and eternal damnation pronounced upon unbelievers at the Great White Throne.

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2Ti 2:9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

1. Paul may be chained but his word is still powerful, even now producing what God would have it to produce.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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2Ti 2:10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

1. Let's look at ten reasons a believer suffers:

1.1 to glorify God in the Angelic Conflict - Book of Job,

1.2 to learn self-discipline,

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

1.3 to demonstrate the sufficiency of God and to control certain types of personalities,

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

1.4 to help us empathize with others who are suffering,

2Co 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

2Co 1:4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

1.5 to learn the value of doctrine,

Psa 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.

Psa 119:68 You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.

Psa 119:69 Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart.

Psa 119:70 Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law.

Psa 119:71 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

Psa 119:72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

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