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“Godly Living During Perilous Times”

“Cleave To The Lord”

The Epistles of I & II Timothy

THESIS: When perilous times are upon us with affliction, burdens, confusion, doubt, evil, fakery and gruesomeness, loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ is essential to survival and viability.

INTRODUCTION: Second Timothy is the last letter written by the apostle Paul. “It is abrupt in style, without plan or method, strongly emotional, with a vivid remembrance of the past, and anxious thoughts for the future.” Timothy is advised to remain fully faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ regardless to suffering, hypocrisy, apostasy and persons who become fugitives of the faith.

Complete loyalty to Christ is the responsibility of every “born again” believer in Christ. The apostle reveals to us that through all his experiences to discourage him, derail him and defeat him, the Lord stood with him (4:17). Paul reveals several things which the Lord did for him as He stood with him.

“The Lord Stood With Me”

- I To Strengthen Me (to make strong; increase in strength)**
Ref: Philippians 4:3; 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; Acts 9:22
- A. To Stand**
Eph. 6:11
- B. To Withstand**
Eph. 6:13
- C. To Love**
John 15:12, 17; Mt. 5:44

- II To Deliver Me (rescue; take away from)**
Ref: Matthew 6:13; Romans 11:26; Colossians 1:13
- A. From Trouble**
Job 5:17-19
- B. From Evil**
Mt. 6:13; 2 Tim. 4:18
- C. From Their faces**
Ref. Jer. 1:8
(The face of pride, prosperity, and pleasure.)
- III To Preserve Me (to guard; protect; preserve)**
Ref: Psalms 121:6-7; 2 Peter 2:5; Jude v. 1
- A. My Soul**
Ezek. 18:4; Ps. 121:7
- B. My Spirit**
John 3:3-7; 15:1-14
- C. He Is My Shield**
2 Tim. 4:16
(Of Faith; Of Hope; Of Love)

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