

Our Help and Hope In The Last Days

2 Timothy Chapter 3 describes our current day as if we were reading the morning paper. Paul describes the last days as “Perilous times”. He tells us that men will love themselves more than God. Liars, he says, without natural affection, truce breakers, people who are “led away with divers lusts”. He finally tells us in verse 13, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”

He does not, however, leave us without hope. He proclaims that in these last days, God’s people are to continue in the truth of God’s Word (Verses 14-17). While the world around us joins in the constant parade of sin, God’s children are called back to the wonderful comfort that is found within His precious and perfect Word!

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

- A. God’s Word speaks the **TRUTH** (Doctrine - Titus 2:1)
- B. God’s Word provides **Growth**, 1 Peter 2:2-3
- C. God’s Word gives **Boldness & TRUST**, Psalm 119:42
- D. God’s Word provides **Guidance**, Psalm 119:105
- E. God’s Word brings **Conviction**, Hebrews 4:12
- F. God’s Word enables or facilitates **Fellowship with Christ**, John 15:7
- G. God’s Word **Cleanses**, John 15:3
- H. God’s Word brings **Victory**, Matthew 4:3-4
- I. God’s Word brings **Success**, Joshua 1:8
- J. God’s Word brings **Satisfaction**, Psalm 119:20
- K. **Joy** comes from His Word, Jeremiah 15:16
- L. **Life** is given through His Word, John 6:63
- M. God’s Word gives us **Warning** and **Great Reward**, Psalm 19:11

The Psalmist speaks of Satisfaction that comes from Scripture (From Psalm 119)

- “The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.” (Psalm 119:72).
- “I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.” (Psalm 119:162).
- “Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.” (Psalm 119:127).
- “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103).
- “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee..” (Psalm 119:11).
- “O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.” (Psalm 119:97).
- “I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.” (Psalm 119:99)
- “I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.” (Psalm 119:131)
- “Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.” (Psalm 119:140)
- “Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.” (Psalm 119:148)
- “My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.” (Psalm 119:172)

May we find our comfort in these days, from the pages of God’s eternal Word. ~ Pastor Tim