

*And withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh...not after the tradition which he received of us.
2 Thess. 3:6*

2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3

LESSON 14

WITHDRAW FROM THOSE WHO DISREGARD GOD'S WORD

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OUR FOUNDATION: The BIBLE is true and is the FINAL authority in all matters of faith and practice.

The Bible is not just a book of “suggestions” or “recommendations” or “good ideas.”

The Bible contains COMMANDMENTS for us to OBEY.

Every word of God is relevant. None of God’s words are to be ignored.

Any preacher who doesn’t tell you what the Bible says—is deceiving you!

If you don’t want the Bible, you’ll end up accepting paganism.

SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT:

Isaiah 8:19-20 19: People today are more excited about wizards and spirits than they are about God.

20: if somebody tells you something and it’s not in the Bible, there’s no light in them.

Jeremiah 23:21-40 21-22: Many people speak in God’s name, but they don’t say what God told them to say. As a result, these preachers have not turned anybody from evil ways and doings.

23-25: False prophets speak lies in God’s name, claiming special revelation from God through dreams.

26-28: God compares the lying prophets to faithful preachers of His Word. One is chaff, one is wheat. Chaff has no use and is always burned. Churches built on chaff will be full to capacity with people whose lives are falling apart. Wheat can produce the “bread of life” to strengthen every area of your life.

29: God’s word is like a **fire**: it will burn up what’s wrong in your life. God’s word is like a **hammer**. It will hurt you if you’re doing wrong or living wrong.

30: God is against every preacher who stands in the pulpit and withholds God’s truth from the people in attendance.

31-32: Preachers who take God’s Word lightly and lie in His name—are of NO PROFIT to God’s people. They are not doing anybody ANY good at all.

33-36: There are too many people claiming that God is speaking to them directly. God doesn’t like it because it is a perversion and makes people disregard His true Word.

37-40: men (and women) who say “Thus sayeth the Lord,” when God didn’t say it, are LOST people—bound for everlasting destruction. Don’t be deceived by them! Be serious about God’s Book.

2 Peter 1:16-20

If you say you saw Jesus in His glory; if you say you heard God speak from Heaven, that's not as SURE as what God has given us in His written SCRIPTURES.

Why? Because Satan is "**transformed into an angel of light**" (2 Cor. 11:14). The "Jesus" you are SEEING could be Satan. If you hear God speak to you, you'd better check it against the Bible. It might be another god (2 Cor. 4:4). Or it might just be your own thoughts or vain imaginations (Prov. 6:18, Rom. 1:21, Luke 18:11).

You can't be sure of what you see or hear, but you can be sure of the Scriptures.

Proverbs 30:5-6

"Every word of God is pure." If that's true, we need to do our best to learn every word. We shouldn't be looking outside the pages of Scripture for "additional" revelations. We are warned not to add ANY words to GOD'S words. If you lie to people and deceive them with false prophecies and revelations and doctrines, you'll be "**found a liar.**"

Jeremiah 5:30-31

It is a "**wonderful and horrible thing**" that men make up false doctrines, false religions, and other lies—and "**people love to have it so.**" People enjoy living a lie (Santa Claus, Easter bunny, the Mass, rosaries, tooth fairy, etc). God says, "What will ye do in the end thereof?" If it was bad in the past, in these "end times," things are bound to be worse.

2 Timothy 4:1-4

We are commanded to preach the Word. The reason people support teachers that don't preach God's word is because that teacher tells them what they want to hear. They don't preach the parts of the Bible that you don't like.

People are looking for religious teachers who will tell them that their "lifestyle" or their activities are okay—because the BIBLE says it's NOT okay!

When you decide that the Bible is your final authority, you will stay in a church that teaches the Bible!

If you don't like what the Bible says, you'll turn "unto fables;" fairytales, fiction.

John 17:17

God's word is truth. It's the final authority. Everything else is chaff, fable, imagination.

2 Thess. 3:4

We are commanded to be under the leadership of pastors and teachers. How can we be sure to pick the right leader?

1. They speak the word of God (Hebrews 13:7).
2. They are teachers of "**good things,**" teaching the things God said; teaching you to live the way God said to live (Titus 2:1-8).

Proverbs 19:27

Stop listening to instructions from men that will cause you to "**err from the words of knowledge.**" Find someone who will teach you the Bible.
