

## The Latter Times

### Philippians 3:18-19

18(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

“Worship is no longer worship when it reflects the culture around us more than the Christ within us.” – A.W. Tozer

Perilous Times shall indeed come and are even now here. As the Lord Jesus gets ready to close this age of human history – ‘the time of the gentiles, the church age, the age of grace’ there will be many deceivers given to the workings of Satan to mislead the people and corrupt the church through false teachings. Also Christian shall rise against Christian. Not all will be as it appears; there will be enemies of the cross both without and within the church.

### False Prophets and Doctrines of Devils (Demons)

#### Matthew 7:15-17, 21-23

15Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

21Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

“My feelings as a Christian points me to my Lord and Savior as a fighter. As a Christian I have no duty to allow myself to be cheated, but I have the duty to be a fighter for truth and justice... And if there is anything which could demonstrate that we are acting rightly it is the distress that daily grows. For as a Christian I have also a duty to my own people.” - *The Speeches of Adolf Hitler, April 1922-August 1939, Vol. 1 of 2, pp. 19-20, Oxford University Press, 1942*

We are a people of different faiths, but we are one. Which faith conquers the other is not the question; rather, the question is whether Christianity stands or falls.... We tolerate no one in our ranks who attacks the ideas of Christianity... in fact our movement is Christian. We are filled with a desire for Catholics and Protestants to discover one another in the deep distress of our own people.- *Adolf Hitler, in a speech in Passau, 27 October 1928, Bundesarchiv Berlin-Zehlendorf,*

We were convinced that the people needs and requires this faith. We have therefore undertaken the fight against the atheistic movement, and that not merely with a few theoretical declarations: we have stamped it out. - *Adolf Hitler, in a speech in Berlin on 24 Oct. 1933*

This Winter Help Work is also in the deepest sense a Christian work. When I see, as I so often do, poorly clad girls collecting with such infinite patience in order to care for those who are suffering from the cold while they themselves are shivering with cold, then I have the feeling that they are all apostles of a Christianity-- and in truth of a Christianity which can say with greater right than any other: This is the Christianity of an honest confession, for behind it stand not words but deeds. - *Adolf Hitler, speaking of the Winter Help Campaign on 5 Oct. 1937*

If positive Christianity means love of one's neighbour, i.e. the tending of the sick, the clothing of the poor, the feeding of the hungry, the giving of drink to those who are thirsty, then it is we who are the more positive Christians. -*Adolf Hitler, in his speech to the "Old Guard" at Munich on 24 Feb. 1939*

(As seen above not everyone that claims Christianity and, call upon the name of the Lord is of the Lord.)

#### 1Timothy 4:1

1Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

doctrines = didaskalia - *did-as-kal-ee'-ah*

From G1320; *instruction* (the function or the information): - doctrine, learning, teaching.

Daimonion - *dahee-mon'-ee-on* Neuter of a derivative of G1142; a *daemonic being*; by extension a *deity*: - devil, god.

## The Spirit of the Age

### 2Timothy 3:1-5 , 7-8, 12-13

1This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

7Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

12Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

### 2Timothy 4:3-4

3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

### 2Peter 2:1-3

1But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

### 2Peter 3:3

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

### 1John 2:18-19

18Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

### Jude 1:18-19

18How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

## Some Distinctives of the Spirit of the Age and the Latter Times

- † False Prophets
- † Seducing Spirits
- † Doctrines of devils (demons)
- † Perilous Times
- † Men shall be lovers of their own selves,
- † Covetous, Boasters, Proud, Blasphemers, Disobedient to parents, Unthankful, Unholy,
- † Without natural affection,
- † Trucebreakers, False accusers, Incontinent, Fierce,
- † Despisers of those that are good,

- † Traitors, Heady, Highminded,
- † Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- † Resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
- † Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
- † A form of godliness, but denying the power thereof
- † Resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
- † Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
- † Will not endure sound doctrine
- † Shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
- † Truth shall be evil spoken
- † Scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
- † Many antichrists, Spirit of the antichrist
- † Mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
- † They who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Liberal theology – Supposes “A God without wrath bought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross” – *H. Richard Niebuhr*

### Warning to the False Church

#### Galatians 1:6-12

6I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### I Peter 4:17

17For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

God's judgment on the world, and condemnation with it; see [1Co 11:32](#) and these may be said to "begin" with them, because it is only in this life the saints have their afflictions; and which are in love to them, and therefore are early brought upon them to try them, and purge them, and make them partakers of his holiness: -*Gill*

#### Revelation 3:14-16

14And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

### Instruction to the True Church

“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world, were those who thought the most about the next world” – *C.S. Lewis*

#### 2Corinthians 4:18

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

**1Peter 4:7**

7But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

**1Peter 4:11**

If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**2Thessalonians 2:15**

15Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

**1John 4:1-3**

1Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers – and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce – and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution – and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.” – *Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, 2 vol. 1835, 1840*

Revelation 2:29

29**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches**

JESUS SAVES

AMEN

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