

*A Study
on the
Second Epistle
to
Timothy*

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Bible Study Guides for the New Testament

Writing a book was not on my mind when this effort was initiated some years ago. In fact, it began when a member of my Sunday School class commented that his son had talked about committing suicide the previous week. As a result, I felt an urge to see what the Bible had to say about hope, with a view toward helping his son cope with his suicidal feelings. The result of that effort was an article entitled: “Hope and the Miraculous Three Pound Computer,” located in Chapter 6 of the book [After the Big Bang](#). My next writing endeavor was a fallout from a Sunday School class discussion about temptations, or trials, and their purpose in our lives. An article entitled “The Trials of Job” located in Chapter 7 of the same book resulted from that effort. After this I began to feel a prodding from the Lord to continue studying and writing. The chapters in this book document what I subsequently learned about two of God’s greatest and most marvelous creations: earth and mankind, who He made to exercise dominion over it.

Some of the material presented in these New Testament Bible Study Guides conflicts with commonly held viewpoints, and differs as well on the definitions of some words used to explicate them. One thing I have learned through this effort is that the meaning of many of the words used in the Bible is not uniformly agreed to by expositors, and in many cases, not agreed to by the various versions of the Bible. For example, in the KJV of the old testament (OT), the word “soul” is used over 780 times. Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words notes that in over 400 of these uses, the Hebrew word used is misinterpreted. I mention this not to heap criticism on the KJV, for it is my personal Bible, and I love it dearly, but to point out the importance of consulting Hebrew and Greek sources, and good conservative lexicons, when trying to understand difficult scripture. The meaning of some words is not absolutely clear even then. Nevertheless, this is the process I have followed in this effort.

I am a retired engineer: my education and work experience sparked a great interest in details. I found that to understand the technical difficulties and problems that arise in the operation of complex machines, a good understanding of the details of the design is absolutely necessary. What is

presented herein is an analysis of important details in God's creation of the earth and man: his habitat and milieu. However, no description is completely adequate to portray the unbelievable complexity and efficacy of tripartite man. Scientists and engineers have tried to duplicate the various subsystems in God's design of man for years, with limited success. Part of the problem is that we do not understand many of the operational details, but the greatest impediment is probably the fact that man is composed of three parts: spirit, soul, and body, two of which (spirit and soul) are immaterial, and are thus largely beyond the scope of scientific and medical analysis. The third part, the highly complex body, is strongly influenced by these two immaterial parts. God has given mankind a great challenge in trying to understand tripartite man. What better model could we find for our study than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: spirit, soul and body in perfect relationship. When Jesus came to earth He emptied Himself, and was formed in the likeness and fashion of a man. Like us, He was a tripartite being, but without a sin nature. Thus, He was the perfect man, the ideal for all to emulate.

I read a book several years ago by Watchman Nee in which he made the observation that one of the primary ways God speaks to us is through our

intuition. After that I began to try to follow the guidance I received in this manner, and what is presented herein is largely a result of that attempt. I hasten to add that all readers will not agree with my conclusions. I have learned much about God's creation, and His design of man through this effort: that may be the primary purpose He had in mind. My hope is that readers will find new ideas in these words that drive them to the absolute authority: God's Word - the Bible.

As references I have used the King James Version (KJV), the New International Version (NIV), the New Living Translation (NLT), the Revised Version (RV), and Recovery Versions of the bible, as well as the Interlinear NIV Hebrew - English Old Testament (OT), and the Interlinear Greek - English New Testament (GNT). I have also used Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, Vincent's Word Studies in the New Testament, Moulton's Analytical Greek Lexicon, the Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon, and Webster's New World Dictionary for word interpretation. Unless otherwise noted, scripture passages quoted are from the KJV.

The John A. Dickson New Analytical Bible and Dictionary, Authorized King James Version, Chicago 1950, was a primary reference source. This Bible was given to my wife and I in 1957, and is one of my dearest treasures. It has been rebound once, and is in need of a repair job at the present time. Thus, the reader can appreciate the usage it has had over these 62 years, most of which has been during the last 25 years. The book introductions have been generally quoted from this source, with changes (mostly grammatical) made only when considered necessary.

Finally, I want to recognize the lady that takes everything I have written, and makes the necessary changes for placing it on the internet. Ms. Sandra Crosnoe is the daughter of two of my, and my deceased wife's, dearest friends, Ted and Jimmie Crosnoe (also deceased). When God moved us (my wife and I), to a Methodist Church in Pasadena, Texas, in 1962, Ted, Jimmie, and their two daughters were among the group of several families in the church that were touched by God in a mighty way that led to a weekly Bible study, that resulted in many changed lives. As the years passed by, and the families went in different directions, we were not able to maintain the close relationship we had in Pasadena. We settled in Lubbock, Texas, in 1982, and I got the call to start

writing on the Bible. Sometime after that Sandra was in Lubbock and we got together for dinner. When she learned of my involvement in writing on the Bible she immediately volunteered to help in making it available by publishing it on the internet. She may not have known what she was getting into, for God has not ceased from giving me Bible subjects to study and write about. This series on the New Testament has been our greatest undertaking, and Sandra's help (as always) has been essential. She has corrected my grammar, argued with me on interpretation, prepared the pictorial cover pages, and generally polished the appearance of the various books in ways that I could never have accomplished on my own. Without her help, this (and other) documents would never have been made available to the general public. I do so appreciate all her work. I believe Ted and Jimmie will give her a "well done" when she joins them in heaven. Her personal website is [Finding Gems and Sharing Them](#).

These bible study guides are available at no charge to read, print, download and share on a platform called Scribd (no membership is required to read/download). They are all listed and linked as a group in [Bible Study Guides by Jesse C. Jones on Scribd](#). Upon completion, most of them will contain study

questions in the Appendix. Other works available are listed and linked with [Books for Believers and Seekers](#). If you hit a pop-up page on Scribd asking you to become a member to read free, simply click the 'x' in the upper right corner to remove the pop-up and continue to our links on Scribd. My personal website is [Revealed by Fire - Jesse's Studies](#) if you wish to see my latest articles and updates.

It is my sincere hope that these works will guide you to a personal ongoing relationship with Jesus and a life led and anointed by the Holy Spirit.

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A Study on the Second Epistle to Timothy

From the John A. Dickson New Analytical Bible

“The year following Paul’s release from imprisonment (64 A.D.) a great fire consumed more than half of the city of Rome. It is believed by many to have been instigated by the Emperor Nero. The character of this monster supports this belief. He accused the Christians of this fiendish act, which directed suspicion from the real villain, and then began the most awful persecution of the Church of Christ, instituted by this murderer.

One of the victims of this persecution was the apostle Paul. He was brought to Rome and imprisoned the second time. It was during this imprisonment awaiting his death, which was probably 67 or 68 A.D., that he wrote his last epistle, the Second Epistle to Timothy. He tells him that he is living in expectation of being ‘offered up’ but through it all is the note of Christian triumph, the statement of the man who knows whom he has believed, and to whom he is committed in his life and in his death.”

Paul's Guidance for Timothy

Paul addresses Timothy as his dearly beloved son, and wishes him grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. He prays for Timothy both night and day; greatly desiring to see him before he is put to death. He is thankful for the faith that Timothy demonstrates, which he says was in his mother Eunice, and his grandmother Lois. He then reminds him of the gift of God, which was imparted when he laid hands on him and prayed.

Paul reminds Timothy that God did not give him a spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control. Thus, he should not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me, His prisoner. He tells Timothy to be a partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God who saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began. This is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, of which I am appointed a preacher and an apostle. For this 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. Hold fast the sound words which you have heard from me in faith and love, which is in our Lord Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit given to you through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

You know that many in Asia have turned against me. May the Lord give mercy to the ones that have continued to support and diligently minister to me. They are not ashamed of my being in prison, and in chains.

Jonathan Cahn, in his book entitled “The Book of Mysteries” describes Paul’s situation at this time in this way: “Out of his imprisonment came forth the Word of God. He was called a *desmios*, a prisoner. *Desmios* speaks of one who is bound, shackled, impeded, even disabled. But the *desmios* Paul, even in prison, was never spiritually bound. Even in chains, he was never totally shackled. And even confined to the walls of a dungeon, he was never disabled or impeded. In fact, it was as a *desmios* that Paul, from prison, would minister to millions of lives throughout the ages. Paul refused to be defined by any circumstance, bound by any chain, hindered by any impediment, or limited by any set of walls. He knew that no chain can bind the will of God. Therefore,

If you live your life to the fullest of God's will, you will live unshackled and unstoppable. Live in the secret of *desmios* . . . and you will walk unbound."

Paul's Guidance for Timothy (continued)

Paul addresses Timothy as his son, and tells him to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things you have heard from me through many witnesses, pass on to faithful men, competent to teach others. Then you will suffer hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No soldier of Christ gets entangled in the affairs of this life, for he wants to please the one that chose him as a soldier. Whatever goals are set before you, conduct yourself lawfully: the one that does the work should be the first to receive the honor.

Remember that Jesus Christ, the seed of David, who was raised from the dead: this is the good news I proclaim, and for which I am bound in chains, but the Word of God is not thereby bound in chains. Why do I persevere through it all? For the sake of those that have been chosen, so that they too may obtain the deliverance that comes through Jesus Christ, with eternal glory. Faithful is the Word: if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He will also deny us. If we believe not, He abides faithfully, for He cannot deny Himself. Remind people of these things, and charge them solemnly before the Lord to not dispute about words

over nothing useful: this only misleads the hearers. Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Shun profane and vain babblings, for they will only increase ungodliness and the words will eat away like gangrene. Some who concerning the truth have erred, saying that our resurrection has already passed, thereby destroying the faith of some. Nevertheless, the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal: the Lord knows those that are His.

Let every one that names the name of Jesus Christ depart from unrighteousness. For this is a great house, and there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some to honor and some to dishonor. If a man purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared for every good work. Flee youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, love, and peace with them that call on the Lord with a pure heart. Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they generate quarrels. The servant of the Lord should not quarrel, but be gentle with all, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those who disagree, for God may give repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, that those that have been ensnared may recover from the snare of the devil.

Wickedness in the Last Days

Know this also, that in the last days perilous times will come upon the earth. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent (without self control), fierce, haters of good, traitors, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such as these turn away. For some of them work their way into homes and get control of weak-willed women who are led away by various lusts, always learning but never being able to come to a full knowledge of the truth. But in the way some withstood Moses, so also these withstand the truth, having been corrupted in mind, and found to be worthless as to the faith. But they will not be successful, for their foolishness will be apparent to all men.

But you have closely followed my doctrine: the conduct, the purpose, the faith, the long-suffering, the love, the patient endurance, the persecutions that I endured at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, but the Lord delivered me. All that live godly lives in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, but evil men and

pretenders will experience worse: deceiving and being deceived. Continue in the things you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you learned. From childhood you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. The man of God may become fully equipped for every good work.

Paul Gives Timothy Final Instructions, and Says Goodby

Paul charges Timothy before the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the quick (living) and the dead at His coming to establish His kingdom. Preach the word; be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and encourage with unfailing patience and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts they will gather unto themselves teachers who will say whatever their ears itch to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to follow myths. But remain steady in every situation, endure suffering, and do everything your service to God requires.

For I am now ready to be poured out on the altar; yes, the time for my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. All that awaits me now is the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day—and not only to me, but to all that have longed for Him to appear.

Paul closes this final chapter by giving Timothy some personal instructions regarding co-workers, and comments that he knows God will continue to

rescue him from every evil attack and bring him safely into His heavenly kingdom. He adds that he was delivered from the lion's mouth on more than one occasion: He was referring to several close calls he had survived in his ministry (Psalm 22:21; Acts 9:15, 23:11, 27:23; 2 Peter 2:9). He then closes by saying,

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Note: Paul is said to have been beheaded near a spot occupied now by an English Cemetery. His friends carried his headless body to the catacombs, subterranean vaults below Rome. There in some unknown vault rests the body of the greatest apostle, awaiting fulfillment of his own words: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Multiple tears accompanied this closure for I have now followed Paul's life through the Bible, and am acutely aware of what this great Saint did for his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, and for us.

APPENDIX

Questions from 2 Timothy

Chapter 1

1. Explain verse 9.
2. Explain verse 10.

Chapter 2

1. What does the phrase “Jesus Christ of the seed of David” (verse 8) mean?
2. Explain verse 20.
3. Does God give repentance to those that acknowledge the truth?

Chapter 3

1. Do you see evidence of the perilous times described in verses 2-5 in today's world?
2. Do you believe that all scripture is inspired by God?

Chapter 4

1. Do you see some of this turning away mentioned in verses 3 - 4 in today's world?

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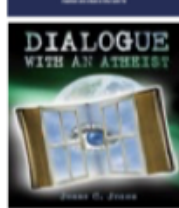
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