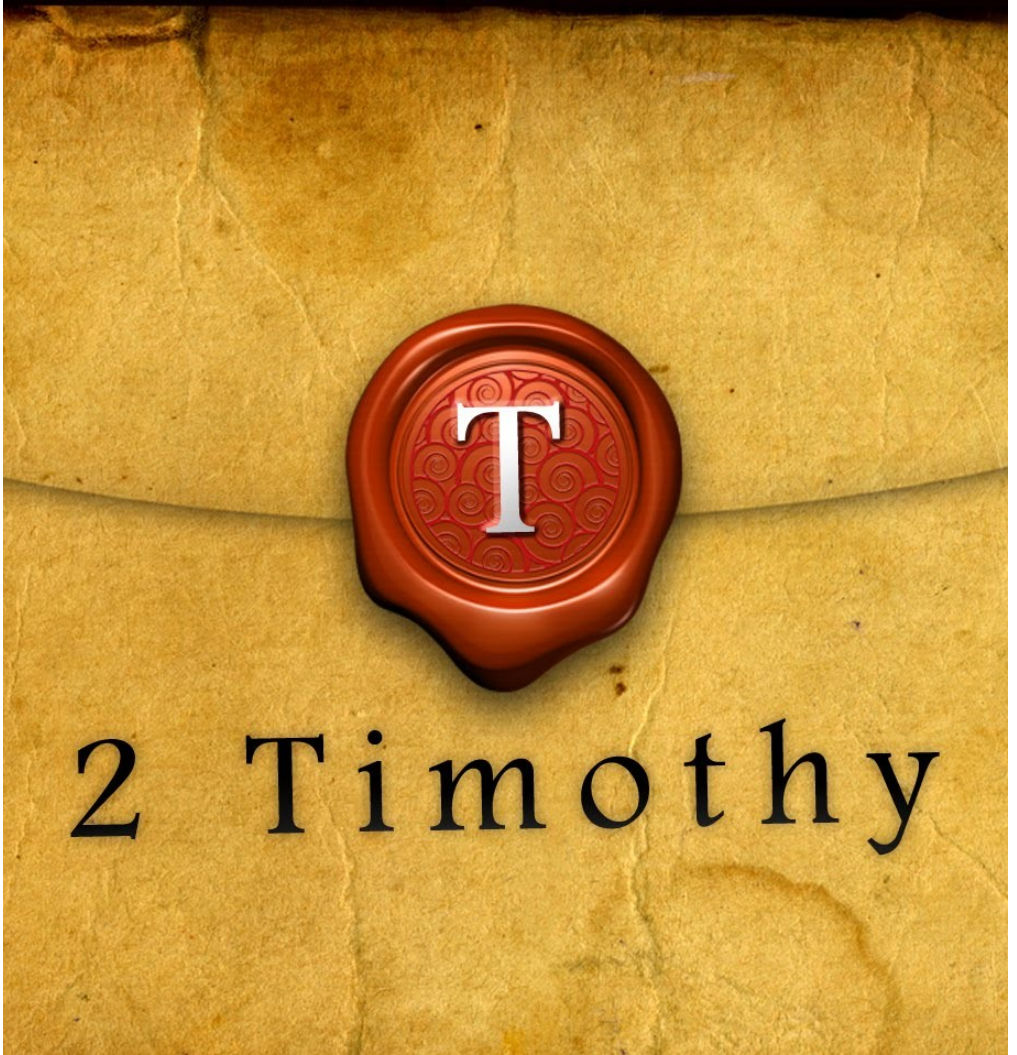


Let's Worship God

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Monday - 2 Timothy 1:1-4 - Prayer for a Friend

We are going to be looking at 2 Timothy using commentary notes by Matthew Henry. Paul was an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God. As he did not receive the gospel of man, but the gospel of Christ revealed by Christ, so too his commission to be an apostle was not by the will of man, but of God. Paul reminds us of the promise of the life we have in Christ Jesus. This, as well as all other promises, is in and through Jesus Christ; these promises come from the mercy of God in Christ, and they are sure, so that we may safely depend upon them. The grace, mercy, and peace which Paul prays for Timothy comes from both God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the best thing we can pray for, for those we love - that they may have grace to help them in the time of need, mercy to pardon their sins, and therefore have peace with God.

Paul is thankful to God for Timothy's faith and holiness, and he is thankful that he remembers Timothy in his prayers. Whatever good we do for ourselves or for our friends, we must give God the glory and the thanks. It is He who puts it into our hearts to remember certain people in our prayers. Paul was much in prayer, he prayed night and day, and in all his prayers he was mindful of his friends, especially those who were ministers of the Word.

It was a comfort to Paul that he was born in God's house and was descended from those who served God with a clear conscience, as he strove to do the same. Timothy had been sorry to say goodbye to Paul, he wept at parting, and so Paul longs to see and talk with Timothy because of the love he has for him.

Questions

1. What is the best thing we can pray for?
2. Who makes us able to pray as we should?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of friends and family members.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

Praise: Psalm 1 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - 2 Timothy 1:5-7 - Do Not Fear

Timothy had a godly mother and grandmother. They believed, though it seems his father did not (Acts 16:1). It is a good thing when children imitate the faith and holiness of their godly parents and walk in their steps.

Paul exhorts Timothy to fan into flame the gift of God that is in him. This gift includes all the gifts and graces that God has given him to equip him for the work of a minister. He must take all opportunities to use these gifts, and so fan them into flame, for that is the best way of increasing them. If he does not stir up these gifts, they will decay.

The greatest hindrance to being useful and increasing our gifts is fear. Paul therefore warns Timothy against this. It was through fear that the evil servant buried his talent and did not trade with it. So God often tells His people not to be afraid. God has delivered us from the spirit of fear and has given us the spirit of power, love, and self-control (or sometimes translated 'a sound mind'). The spirit of power is courage and resolution when you encounter difficulties and dangers. The spirit of love to God carries us through opposition we may meet. The spirit of love to God sets us above the fear of man and all the hurt that man can do to us. The spirit of self-control is a sound mind, quietness of mind, and peace. We are often discouraged in our life and work by imagining the worst and worrying about things that haven't even happened. A self-controlled mind can answer these fears and worries and set them at rest.

The spirit God gives to His ministers is not a fearful, but a courageous spirit. It is a spirit of power, for they speak in the name of One who has all power both in heaven and on earth. It is a spirit of love - love to God and love for the souls of men. And it is the spirit of self-control for they speak the words of truth in seriousness.

Questions

1. How can Timothy increase the gifts given to him?
2. Why do we not need to be afraid?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that in Christ we have nothing to fear.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

Praise: Psalm 2 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Wednesday - 2 Timothy 1:8-9 - Suffering

The gospel is the testimony of our Lord. Through it, He tells us, He bears testimony of Himself to us, and when we profess our faith in Him, we are to tell others, to bear testimony, of Him and for Him.

Paul makes it clear that he is the Lord's prisoner. For Christ's sake, he is bound with a chain.

None of us have reason to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ or of those who are suffering for the gospel of Christ. Timothy must not be ashamed of Paul, even though Paul is in prison. As Timothy must not himself be afraid of suffering, so he must not be afraid of saying he is on the side of those who are sufferers for the cause of Christ. If we are ashamed now, Christ will be ashamed of us later.

Timothy is to expect afflictions for the gospel's sake, to prepare for them, to count upon them, and to be willing to take his lot with the suffering saints in this world. He is not just to sympathise with those who suffer for the gospel, but to be ready to suffer with them and suffer like them. If at any time the gospel is in trouble, he who hopes for life and salvation from it will be content to suffer with it. All Christians, but especially ministers, must expect afflictions and persecutions for the sake of the gospel. But we are able to bear these afflictions well when we get strength and power from God to enable us to bear them.

Mentioning God and the gospel, Paul goes on to note what great things God has done for us by the gospel. The gospel aims at our salvation. God has saved us, and it is not too much to suffer for that which saves us in the end. God has begun a good work in us, and He will complete it in due time - it is a certainty.

Questions

1. What are we not to be ashamed of?
2. What has God done for us through the gospel?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

Praise: Psalm 3 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Thursday - 2 Timothy 1:9-10 - The Gospel

The gospel is not just designed to save us, it is designed for our sanctification. We are called to holiness. Christianity is our calling, and we are to work in it. All who are saved are sanctified or made holy.

The origin of the gospel is the free grace and eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus. If we had deserved it, it would be hard to suffer for it; but our salvation is of free grace, and not because of our works, and so we must not think it's too much to suffer for it. This grace is said to be given to us before the ages began, that is, in the purpose and designs of God from all eternity. It is given to us in Christ Jesus, for all the gifts that come from God to sinful man come in and through Christ Jesus.

The gospel is the manifestation of this purpose and grace. Jesus Christ who has been with the Father from all eternity came to earth and by His appearing this gracious purpose was made manifest to us. Did Jesus Christ suffer for the purpose of God, and shall we think it's too much to suffer for it?

By the gospel of Christ death is abolished. He has not only weakened it, but He has taken it out of the way and broken its power over us by taking away our sin. Death has become a friend; it is the gate by which we pass out of a troublesome, sinful world into a world of perfect peace and purity. Death does not triumph over those who believe the gospel, but they triumph over it.

Christ has shown us another world more clearly than it was shown before. The happiness of that world, the reward of the faith we have been given, is to see and be with God. Christ has not only set that world before us, He has offered it to us by the gospel.

Questions

1. What is our calling?
2. How has death changed for the Christian?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for all we have in the gospel.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
2 Timothy 1:7

Praise: Psalm 4 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Friday - 2 Timothy 1:11-14 - Entrusted to Christ

Paul was appointed to preach the gospel. He thought it a cause worth suffering for, and Timothy should as well. No man needs to be afraid or ashamed to suffer for the cause of the gospel.

Those who trust in Christ know whom they have trusted. Paul speaks with a holy triumph and exaltation, as if he is saying, 'I stand on firm ground. I know I have lodged the great trust in the hands of the best trustee.' What must we entrust to Christ? The salvation of our souls, and their preservation to heaven; and what we entrust to Him, He will keep. There is a day coming when our souls will be asked after: 'You had a soul given to you, what have you done with it? To whom was it offered, to God or Satan? How was it used, in the service of sin or in the service of Christ?' There is a day coming, when we must give an account of our stewardship of our souls. If, by an active, obedient faith, we have entrusted it to Jesus Christ, we may be sure He is able to keep it until that day.

Timothy is to follow the Scriptures. He is to hold them fast, remember them, retain them, and adhere to them. He is to stick to God's Word in opposition to all heresies and false doctrine, which corrupt the Christian faith. He must follow it in faith and love. It is not enough to believe the words, and to give assent to them, but we must love them, believe their truth and love their goodness, and we must speak this truth in love. It must be Christian faith and love, faith and love fastening upon Jesus Christ, in and by whom God speaks to us, and we to Him.

The Christian faith is a trust committed to us, to Christians in general but to ministers in particular. We must keep it, preserve it, pure and entire. We must not corrupt it, weaken it, or diminish it. But it is only by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit that we are enabled to do this.

Questions

1. Whom should we entrust our souls to?
2. How should we view the Scriptures?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's Word.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

Praise: Psalm 5 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Saturday - 2 Timothy 1:15-18 - Faithfulness

Paul mentions the falling away of many from the doctrine of Christ. Even in this early age of the church, there are many who seem to embrace the Christian faith, and yet afterwards turn away from it. In turning their backs on Paul and disowning him in his time of trouble, they are turning their backs on and disowning Christ of whom Paul is the servant.

Paul mentions the faithfulness of one, Onesiphorus. He had refreshed him with his letters, counsel, and comfort, and he was not ashamed of his chains. He was kind to him, not once or twice, but often. Not only when he was at Ephesus among his own friends, but when Onesiphorus was at Rome, he took care to search for and find Paul. A good man will seek opportunities of doing good and won't draw back from any that present themselves. Timothy knew how Onesiphorus had shown kindness and ministered to Paul in Ephesus. Paul repays his kindness with his prayers. It is probable that Onesiphorus is now absent from home and with Paul, so Paul prays for his household during his absence.

Paul prays for Onesiphorus himself, as well as for his household. He prays that he may find mercy in the day of death and judgement when Christ will count all the good deeds done to His people as done to Himself.

To pray that God would show grace and mercy to ourselves and others is the best thing we can ask for. We come to a throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need from the Lord who is the Giver and Bestower of it. The Lord Jesus Christ has satisfied justice that mercy and grace might be given. If we die without this grace and mercy, then the day of judgement will be a fearful and awful thing.

Questions

1. Who was faithful to Paul?
2. What should we ask God for when it comes to our family and friends?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

Praise: Psalm 6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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