

2 Timothy 4:14-17

Standing Against Paul

1. 4:14-15 - Beware Alexander

- a. Paul names people that are wrong, *again*. 2 Tim 1:15, 2:17, 4:10, 4:14
- b. *"be thou ware also"* - Is he tattling? Revenge? No, it is a warning to Timothy.
- c. Identifying errant teachers is always to protect others from errant teaching.
- d. *"greatly withstood our words"* - apparently the true words matter - 1:13
 - i. What hurts most are betrayers/slanderers/calumny (Dante) - Jer 9:2-3
 - ii. This happened much - Rom 3:6-8, 16:7-8, Gal 1:8-9, 2 Cor 6:8, Acts 24:5, 2Tim 2:9
 - iii. If Tim ran into Alexander it would be his word against Paul's.
- e. The much evil → not standing with Paul's words but withstanding (opposing) them.

2. Reward According to Works

- a. The third time judgment is mentioned in this chapter.
- a. We don't know which Alexander - Mark 15:21, Acts 4:6, Acts 19:33, 1Ti 1:20, 2 Tim 4:14
- b. *"did me much evil"* - When people turn on ears to hear... the gossip (but its missing)
- c. Paul interrupts where one might explain with - "the Lord" who is the righteous judge.
- d. Grace displaces judgment, it does not remove it - Eph 2:10, Ti 2:12-14, 2Ti 4:1, Gal 6:7
- e. *"reward him"* - There are rewards for unrighteousness - 2 Pet 2:13, Rom 2:8-9, Phi 3:19
- f. *"according to his works"* - Judgment is always of works, salvation is not
 - i. Note: unrighteous, bad, wicked works are still sins - but how are sins covered?
 - ii. If saved in the BoC - this is the judgment of 1 Cor 3:13-15
 - iii. If part of the remnant - the judgment of Rev 22:11-12, 1Pet 1:17, Heb 2:2-3
 - iv. If lost - judgment of Rev 20:12-13, 18:6, 2Co 11:13-15, 2Th 1:8, 2:10-12, 3:2-3
- g. The Bible contains curses and imprecations - Ps 28:3-4, 79, 109
- h. *"This is not nice of Paul"* - Matt 23:13, 26:23-24, Gal 5:12, Rev 6:10, 1 Cor 16:22
- i. Grace does not mean we do not discern/identify evil - Acts 23:3, Rom 12:9, 13:3
- j. Ones (2Ti 1:18) example of standing, Alex example of withstanding: God is the judge.

3. 4:16-17 - Who Stood with Me

- a. *"my first answer"* - Before the inquisition/trial, if this is Rome it is Nero
- b. *"no man stood with me"* - Partaking of afflictions is not easy - Phi 1:29, 'no man' 2:20-21
- c. *"not be laid to their charge"* - Fear/cowardice/ignorance differs from an enemy of truth.
 - i. Salvation by grace yet to be revealed - Mark 14:50, Luke 23:34, Acts 7:59-60
 - ii. If you reject Paul's words (Christ's words of grace) there is nothing else.
- d. *"The Lord stood with me"* - Not just a man, and also, always faithful - 2 Tim 2:13, Phi 4:13