



I & II THESSALONIANS





The Timing of God:

Fighting Fear & Finding Thankfulness

2 Thessalonians 2

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to Him: we ask you, brothers, not to be easily upset in mind or troubled, either by a spirit or by a message or by a letter as if from us, alleging that the Day of the Lord has come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of

lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in God's sanctuary, publicizing that he himself is God. Don't you remember that when I was still with you I told you about this? And you know what currently restrains him, so that he will be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; but the one now restraining will do so until he is out of the way, and then the lawless one will be revealed. The Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of His mouth and will bring him to nothing with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with all kinds of

false miracles, signs, and wonders, and with every unrighteous deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth in order to be saved. For this reason God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe what is false, so that all will be condemned—those who did not believe the truth but enjoyed unrighteousness.

Overcoming Fear

Fighting the Fear of the unknown by
making it known (v.1-3)

Fighting Fear by trusting that Christ will
vanquish every enemy, even the vilest
(v.3-8)

Overcoming Fear

Fighting Fear by distinguishing between what is false and what is true (v.9-12)

- Destruction comes when “those who are perishing” choose what is false (v.9-10)
- The delusion comes after the rejection of love of the truth for false miracles (v.10-11)
- Condemnation (judged wrong) comes to those who “believed what is false” because they didn’t believe in the truth & because they enjoyed (approved of) unrighteousness (v.12)

But we must always thank God for you,
brothers loved by the Lord, because from the
beginning God has chosen you for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit and through
belief in the truth. He called you to this
through our gospel, so that you might obtain
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore,
brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions

you were taught, either by our message or by our letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.

Always Thankful

We are thankful in community (v.13)

Those who have “believed the truth”, that God has set before time, will be sanctified (consecration) (v.13-14)

Always Thankful

We stand thankful because of our “traditions”
found in the New Testament (v.15)

We are thankful because we are loved,
faithfully promised and find hope in grace (v.16)

What about You?

How are you fighting fear?

What gets you thankful?