

**That All Might Be Saved  
Doctrines Of Devils  
1 Tim 4.1-11**

[Notice the words “Depart From” (vs 1) in our text today.]

[**Depart from** - αποστησονται - Apostasy. Trans. “to remove,” either spatially or from the context of a state or relationship (τινὰ τινος or τινὰ ἀπό τινος), or from fellowship with a person == “to seduce,” “to win away” from someone, ether privately or politically. Hence also the intrans. sense “to remove oneself,” “to resign,” “to desist,” “to fall away.”] [Strong's]

[Those words “Depart From” are translated from a Greek word from which we get our English word Apostasy]

[Apostasy or the tendency to fall away from the faith, which is to fall away from the truths revealed in the Word of God, is a growing and increasing danger in our day. The Word of God warns of the increasing apostasy that will proliferate the culture of these end times.]

Matt 24

[*1 Timothy 4:1* Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;]

[*Matthew 24:4* And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**]

[*Matthew 24:11-13* And many false prophets shall rise, **and shall deceive many**. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.]

2 Thess 3

[*2 Peter 3:3-5*. Knowing this first, **that there shall come in the last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God . . .]

[2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 **And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.**]

[**Matthew 7:15-16. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. . .**]

[The falling away of these end times is not an anomaly it is a prophesied fact of the Word of God. We are warned of this apostasy by our Lord so that we would NOT be deceived by it nor be discouraged because of it. Our Heavenly Father's intention is that we would see it, be warned of it, and overcome over it. We must persist, endure, and win the victory over this present apostasy by cleaving to our Lord Jesus Christ and the never failing Word of God.]

[So what do we learn about Apostasy in our text?]

#### **A. There's a Deception that leads to Apostasy**

1. There is a **Deceiver** (vs 1; Matt 24.11-13; 1 John 2.18) [– Now the **Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, . . .** – Are you surprised that there are so many confusing and contrary doctrinal positions in our world today? You shouldn't be surprised at all. Our Lord Jesus Christ warned us that there would be, not only some that depart from the faith, but that there would be **MANY false prophets,**]

1 John 2.18

[**Matthew 24:11-13 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**]

[We are also warned that the closer we come to the rapture of the Church the more false prophets and deception there would be.]

[Folks, there were many antichrists in the early days of the Church,]

[**1 John 2:18 Little 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.]

2 Cor 11.13

[So, why are we surprised that they are among us in profound numbers today?]

[Apostasy starts with a deceiver. And these deceivers do not think that they are deceivers. They are sincere, spiritual, Bible carrying, eloquent preachers and teachers, who believe what they are teaching no matter how wrong they are.]

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2. **There is a Deceiving Spirit (vs 1; 2 Cor 11.13-15; 1 John 4.1)** [*– Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;** - These deceivers are profoundly spiritual people. They are being led by a spirit that calls itself the spirit of God.]*

2 Cor 11.13

*[2 Corinthians 11:13-15 <sup>13</sup> For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, **transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.** <sup>14</sup> **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.** <sup>15</sup> Therefore it is no great thing **if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;** whose end shall be according to their works. ]*

1 John 4.1

[These deceivers are led by a profound spirit, who claims to be the Spirit of God, and his ministers claim to be ministers of righteousness.]

[These deceivers,]

- [Carry Bibles]
- [Stand in Pulpits and Sunday School Rooms]
- [Call themselves the ministers of God]
- [Teach deceiving doctrines of devils]

[My Brothers and Sisters in Christ there are many spirits in our world claiming to be the Holy Spirit of God. This is why we are told,]

*[1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ]*

[We must carefully test and try the spirit of those we are learning from and worshipping with.]

3. There is a **Departure** (vs 1) [*– Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; - As a result of these deceivers and their deception there will be an apostasy or a falling away.]*

[We must ask, **Is there a falling away from the faith in our culture and world today?** ]

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- [We are bombarded with immorality on a daily basis.]
- [We are told that Homosexuality is okay. That homosexuality is just another lifestyle choice. We are even told this by many Denominations and Pastors today.]

*[Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. ]*

- [We are told that Fornication, sexual relations outside of marriage is okay. God calls fornication an abomination.]

*[1 Corinthians 6:9-11 <sup>9</sup> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, <sup>10</sup> Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. ]*

- [We are told that all religious beliefs are okay, that there are many roads that lead to Heaven.]

*[John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ]*

[These, and many other things are being taught in Church pulpits as I preach this morning and all across our world. It has gotten so foul that today it

seems that the Muslims have more morals than those who claim to be Christian.]

[Folks, there is a general and radical departure from the Christian faith taking place throughout Christianity. We are living in the midst of an apostate Church in general, and the departure is constantly pulling at our Church and at your minds.]

## B. There's a Doctrine that leads to Authority

### 1. There must be a Providential Preacher (vs 6; 2

2 Tim 4.3

**Tim 4.2-4** [- *If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good **minister of Jesus Christ**, . . .* – What are you looking for in a Pastor and preacher?]

[Are you looking for an ear tickler?]

*[2 Timothy 4:3-4<sup>3</sup> For 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; <sup>4</sup>And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. ]*

[An ear tickler is someone who will preach for you. He will preach in a way that makes you always feel good about yourself and will never bring you under life changing conviction.]

[Are you looking for some who will rightly divide and preach the whole Word of God?]

*[2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ]*

[Churches are chasing away those God called men who would stand up and confront the apostasy of our day. People want motivational speakers, but they don't want anyone to point out their sinfulness and that would challenge them to live in true godliness.]

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2. There must be a **Penetrating Proclamation** (vs 6-7) [*– If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, **nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.** <sup>7</sup> But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather **unto godliness.*** – Folks, what does this say to me, as your pastor? It says, ]

- [PREACH THE WORD. ]
- [Preach sound doctrine – Sound doctrine is sound teaching based upon the Word of God and only the Word of God.]
- [Preach toward Godliness – Preach in such a way as to convict people to strive to live godly lives. Lives that are conformed to the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lives that would have them hear, “Well done, my good and faithful servant” when they stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ.]

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3. There must be a **Profound Promise** (vs 8) [*– For bodily exercise profiteth little: **but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*** – What in this mere mortal life can possibly compare to what is in store for you and I in eternity to come through our Lord Jesus Christ. There is the promise of,]

- [Your mansion in Heaven, set aside just for you (John 14.1-3)]

*[John 14:1-3 <sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. ]*

- [Your eternal presence with our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5.8)]

*[2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. ]*

- [Your promise of complete and eternal relief from all sorrow and suffering]

*[Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. ]*

- [Your rewards for persevering and overcoming in this life]

*[Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. ]*

[The Promises of our Heavenly Father given to those who will live their lives surrendered to Him are both mortal and eternal. It is worth the sacrifices that you are called upon to make both right now and for all eternity to come. You will lose nothing in this life or world by choosing to live for God now. You will be blessed in this life and in eternity to come if you will just live and overcome for the Lord Jesus Christ here and now.]

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**13)** [*For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.*<sup>11</sup> *These things command and teach.* – Christians must be willing to **Work Until Jesus Comes**, that is to Labor for our Lord and God. We must also be willing to **Suffer Reproach** for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.]

1 Thess 5

[These deceivers will twist our words and the Word of God to make us out as hateful and intolerant. They will find ways to twist their Doctrines of Devils to appear as the more compassionate way of truth. But any way that is opposed to the Word of God is not God's Way and only God's way is the way of truth and life. ]

[We must, as the Children of God, Preach and Teach the Word of God. How must we teach it, we **MUST COMMAND AND TEACH** the Word of God. We must strive to teach it with kindness and compassion but we must **COMMAND AND TEACH** the Word of God. Why so forcefully?]

[Because souls are in the balance and there is only one name under heaven whereby men must be saved.]

[Apostasy is all around us in our community and our world. We must awaken to the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ is coming soon and very soon and we must determine to lead an awakening to the Word of God for the sake of the souls of mankind. Too much is at stake to fall spiritually asleep now.]

*[1 Thessalonians 5:1-13* <sup>1</sup> *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.* <sup>2</sup> ***For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*** <sup>3</sup> *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.* <sup>4</sup> ***But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*** <sup>5</sup> *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.* <sup>6</sup> ***Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.*** <sup>7</sup> *For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.* <sup>8</sup> ***But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*** <sup>9</sup> *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,* <sup>10</sup> *Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.* <sup>11</sup> ***Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*** <sup>12</sup> *And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;* <sup>13</sup> *And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. ]*

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