

God's Genuine Gospel #4

Discerning Gospel

2 Timothy 4:1-4, 2 Peter 1:19-2:3 9/02/2018

That Inevitable Day

2 Timothy 4:1-4

-The Elder Apostle Paul's Warning & Charge to Timothy

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

-No Endurance for Sound Doctrine...Just Sound Bites

-Is it tweetable? Is it trendy? Is it quotable?

-Only Eager for Tickling... Just Interested Satisfying Desires

-Accumulation of Teachers & a search engine to select them

-No Ear for the Truth...Just Stories Fabricated for Effect

-A Decision not Deafness, the Myths are preferred & replace truth

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

-The day's arrival doesn't excuse us from the responsibility to proclaim

The Importance of Discernment

2 Peter 1:19-21

-The Elder Apostle Peter's Charge to Believers about Discerning the Word

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

-Pay Attention: We have the Prophetic Word more Sure

-More Sure Because Jesus Fulfilled Scripture & Revealed God

-Pay Attention: The Word is a Lamp in the Dark until the Day Comes

-Word fulfilled in Christ is a lamp for our feet & light for our path

-Pay Attention: Prophecy of Scripture is not relative to the hearer

-Prophecy of Scripture isn't a matter of one's own interpretation

-Prophecy of Scripture is not sourced in human will.

-Prophecy of Scripture God-Breathed & Holy Spirit Superintended

-The Scripture's Confirmation & Completion by Christ (Gospel of Christ)

-Will guide the believer through this dark world

-Will give the believer the hope of the morning

-Maintaining a Gospel-Centric understanding of Scripture

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." **Romans 1:16-17**

The Infiltration of Deceivers & Their Imminent Destruction 2 Peter 2:1-3

-The Elder Apostle Peter's to Warning to Believers about Deceivers

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. ² Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; ³ and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, & their destruction is not asleep.

Watch Out for the ones who warp what the Gospel of Christ made clear.

-Just as OT false prophets claimed God's voice for their own agenda Church age false teachers will twist God's word for their own gain

-They will be among us...

-secretly, stealthily, craftily, from close beside

-introducing destructive heresies

-strong, distinctive opinion shared as a replacement of truth

-the word literally means to personally select or chose

-heresy rises when we speculate on things not revealed

-heresy tends to overshadow foundational truth

-Continually denying, repudiating, and disowning

-the Master who bought them

-defy Christ's Headship of the Church & Authority

-They would go as far as usurping Christ's place

-They will be followed

-By those who will embrace the sensuality they encourage

-licentiousness: a world of license to be & do what you feel

-spite that rejects restraint to indulge in lawless insolence

-Even though their leadership causes the truth to be maligned

-Bad practice blasphemes Christ's good name to the world

-Even though their greed fleeces those who follow

-Plastic, Fabricated Words molded to move you

-Turning the people of God into a market to be exploited

-They will be destroyed

-They have brought swift destruction on themselves

-Their judgment is decreed from ages past & not on standby

-Their destroyer is not drowsy, they will not sneak through