

## A FINAL WORD BEFORE HEAVEN

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:4** and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:5** But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry

### INTRO:

- (1) Paul's last words to Pastor Timothy his associate in ministry
- (2) In one way or another, the primary focus of these last words is the Word of God, and the man of God, and the God of the Word

### OUTLINE:

- I. FINALLY
- II. FAIRWELL
- III. FORSAKEN
- IV. FAITHFUL

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## I. THE FINAL CHARGE TO PREACH THE WORD

### 1. GOD IS WITH YOU, CHRIST IS COMING TO JUDGE THE WORLD

#### A. WHAT TO DO, HOW TO DO IT, AND WHAT TO EXPECT

**IDEA:** These are the apostles last words, and he gets right to what is important

(1) The charge is actually a command

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(2) The rejection of the Word of God

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(3) The call upon God's minister

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*I. THE FINAL CHARGE TO PREACH THE WORD*

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## II. THE APOSTLES FAREWELL

**IDEA:** In this goodbye speech,  
Paul says three things

### (1) My present situation in Christ

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

### (2) My past in serving Christ

I have fought, finished  
and kept

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

### (3) My expectation from Christ

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

*I. THE FINAL CHARGE TO PREACH THE WORD*

*II. THE FAREWELL WORDS*

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## III. THE APOSTLE FORSAKEN

## 1. PAUL ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE

### A. PAUL EXPLAINS HIS SITUATION AND SAYS TO BEWARE OF A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL

**IDEA:** Remember, this letter is being sent to Timothy by Paul from his jail cell, he was alone, not under house arrest. He is basically alone, he needs resources, and want

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:9** Be diligent to come to me quickly;

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:10** for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:11** Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:12** And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:13** Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:15** You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:16** At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.

- I. THE FINAL CHARGE FROM PAUL*
- II. THE FAREWELL WORDS FROM PAUL*
- III. THE FORSAKEN APOSTLE PAUL*

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## IV. THE FAITHFULLNESS OF GOD

### I. IN SPITE OF THE PAIN AND THE TROUBLE HERE WAS THE SPIRITUAL REALITY IN PAUL'S LIFE

#### A. PAUL AGAIN LOOKS BACK, AND LOOKS FORWARD, AND WHAT DOES HE SEE.... ?

**IDEA:** Paul turns from looking forward to looking backwards and tells what God had done

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:17** But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

**(1) Stood with me, and  
strengthened me**

**(2) So that the message  
might be preached**

**(3) God also delivered him  
out of the mouth of the  
lion**

**IDEA:** Paul turns from looking back, to looking forward again at what God is going to do

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:18** And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. To Him *be* glory forever and ever. Amen!

**(1) God will deliver me**

**(2) God will preserve me**

**(3) God receives all the glory**

HERE IS THE COMMAND  
HERE IS MY GOODBYE  
HERE IS MY SITUATION  
HERE IS MY FAITHFUL GOD