

Difficult Days, Part 12: The Response of Believers
Continue in the Word
2 Timothy 3:14-17

As the days get more difficult, God's people must remain in the conviction that the Scriptures are truth.

I. Scripture provides ultimate wisdom (vs. 14-15).

(Deuteronomy 6:3-9; John 6:66-68; 2 Timothy 1:5)

II. Scripture is completely sufficient as the truth for living (vs. 16-17).

(Psalm 19:7-11; 119:97-104)

III. Scripture is given by God Himself (vs. 16-17).

(John 12:48-50; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Scripture References and Notes

Matthew 24:5-13

⁵For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. ⁶You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. ⁸But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs. ⁹"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. ¹⁰At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. ¹²Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 8-12

¹Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, ²that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

⁸ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; ⁹ *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, ¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, ¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Ephesians 4:17-19

¹⁷ So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, **in the futility of their mind**, ¹⁸ **being darkened in their understanding**, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, **because of the hardness of their heart**; ¹⁹ and they, **having become callous**, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

continue [μένω (menó)]

- I remain, abide, stay, wait; with acc: I wait for, await.
- To be kept continually; to endure; to not depart

2 Timothy 1:5

For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelled in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

Deuteronomy 6:3-9

³ O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do *it*, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴ “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

John 6:66-68

⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples left, and would no longer walk with Him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to leave also, do you?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

Psalms 19:7-11 (KJV)

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Psalms 119:97-104

⁹⁷ How I love Your Law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine. ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than those who are old, Because I have complied with Your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, So that I may keep Your word. ¹⁰² I have not turned aside from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste! *Yes, sweeter* than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

inspired by God [θεόπνευστος (theopneustos)]

- God-breathed, inspired by God, due to the inspiration of God.
- (from *theós*, "God" and *pnéō*, "breathe out") – properly, *God-breathed*, referring to the *divine inspiration (inbreathing)* of Scripture.

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰ *But* know this first *of all*, that no prophecy of Scripture becomes *a matter of someone'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.

John 12:48-50

⁴⁸ The one who rejects Me and does not accept My teachings has one who judges him: the word which I spoke. That will judge him on the last day. ⁴⁹ For I did not speak on My own, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”