

the contrary, and does not agree to sound reasons—to those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the teaching of our religion—he is stupid, and understands nothing; but doting about discussions and wordy wars, from which come envy, strife, abuse, evil suspicions, disputes of depraved men, corrupting the mind and perverting from the truth, by adopting the idea that our religion is a mere trade. Yet the all-satisfying religion is a great acquisition. For we brought nothing into the world, nor are we able to carry anything out; therefore, having food and clothing, let us be satisfied with them. But those who design to be rich fall into a temptation and snare, and many senseless and ruinous desires, which sink those men into loss and destruction; for the love of money is a root of all these evils, some going mad for which, have wandered from the faith, and surrounded themselves with many distresses.

But fly these, man of God, and follow righteousness, piety, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; seize hold of the life eternal, to which you are summoned; and confess the noble confession before many witnesses. I charge you before the life-giving God

of all, and of Jesus Christ, Who gave evidence with His noble confession before Pontius Pilate, keep the command yourself, purely, unblameably, until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ; which at the right time will bring to light the Blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, the only possessor of immortality, inhabiting an unapproachable light, Whom not one of mankind has seen, nor is able to see, to Whom is eternal honour and power. Amen.

To the rich in the present age I advise not to think too highly, nor to trust upon an uncertain wealth; but upon the God Who has prepared for us all wealth for enjoyment; to do good, to enrich themselves with good deeds, to be liberal, affable, and to lay up for themselves a noble foundation for the future, so that they may acquire the enduring life.

Timothy, guard the trust; avoid the common frivolities and objections of the false philosophy, which some proclaiming, have, as to the faith, missed the mark. Grace be with you.

*(The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the metropolis of Paktine Phrygia, probably about the year 67 A.D.)*

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY.

### The Greeting.

PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus, through the will of God, for the proclamation of the life which is in Christ Jesus, to my dear child Timothy: Blessing, tenderness, peace, from God, Father, and Jesus our Lord.

### The Apostle's Exhortations to Timothy.

I owe thanks to the God Whom I worship from my ancestors with a pure conscience, that I unceasingly remember you in my supplications night and day; longing to see you, thinking of your troubles, so that I may be filled

with joy; having remembrance of your sincere faith, which lived before in your grandmother Lois, and in your mother Eunice, and which I am confident is also in you. For which reason I remind you to rekindle the fire—the gift of God—which you possess through the laying on of my hands. For God gave to us not a spirit of weakness; but of vigour, and love, and discretion.

Therefore be not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner; but, on the contrary, let us endure suffering for the gospel, by the aid of Divine power of Him Who saved and appointed us to a holy vocation; not by our own exertions, but by His own intention and gift bestowed upon

us in Christ Jesus from everlasting  
 10 ages, but now displayed through the  
 manifestation of our Saviour Jesus  
 Christ; Who destroyed death, and  
 throws light upon life and incorrup-  
 11 tibility through the gospel. With this  
 object I was appointed a herald, and  
 12 apostle, and teacher; and for this  
 reason I suffer what I do. However,  
 I am not ashamed, for I know to  
 Whom I have trusted; and I am con-  
 13 fident that He is able to guard my  
 trust until that day. Have before you  
 an outline of the health-giving truths,  
 which you have received from me,  
 14 are in Christ Jesus. Guard the noble  
 deposit by a Holy Spirit of the Dweller  
 within us.  
 15 You know this, that all in Asia  
 have forsaken me, among whom are  
 Phygellos and Hermogenes.  
 16 May the Lord give mercy to the  
 house of Onesiphorus!—for he often  
 encouraged me, and was not ashamed  
 17 of my imprisonment; but, arriving in  
 Rome, he eagerly sought for, and  
 18 found me out. May the Lord grant  
 to him to find mercy in the presence  
 of the Lord in that day; while as to  
 how he administered in Ephesus, you  
 especially know well.

### Apostolic Teaching.

2 You, therefore, my son, be strength-  
 ened with the gift—that from Christ  
 2 Jesus; and what you have learned  
 from me, with many proofs, deposit  
 with faithful men, who may be com-  
 3 petent to teach others. Endure hard-  
 ship like a noble soldier of Christ  
 4 Jesus. A soldier never involves him-  
 self with business affairs; so that he  
 5 may please his commander. And if  
 any one contends for a prize, he is  
 not crowned unless he contends  
 6 according to rule. The working  
 farmer ought to be the first to par-  
 7 take of his crops. Comprehend what  
 I say; for, in all things, God has  
 8 endowed you with good sense. Re-  
 member that Jesus Christ, of the line  
 of David, has arisen from among the  
 9 dead, as taught by my Good News, for  
 which I suffer trouble, even to im-  
 prisonment, like a criminal; but the  
 Message of God is not imprisoned.  
 10 Consequently I endure all this for the  
 sake of the chosen; so that they may  
 also gain that salvation with the eternal  
 11 rectification that is in Christ Jesus.  
 This Message is sure: for if we die to-

gether, we shall also live together; if  
 12 we endure, we shall also reign to-  
 gether; if we deny, He will also deny  
 13 us; if we are unfaithful, He Himself  
 continues trustworthy, for He is not  
 able to repudiate Himself. Remind  
 14 them concerning these; bearing wit-  
 ness in the presence of God not to  
 quarrel over words, useful for nothing  
 —except, perhaps, to pervert the  
 listeners. Exert yourself to stand  
 15 approved with God, as a skilful work-  
 man, arranging in order the reason  
 for the Truth. But step aside from  
 16 the foolish phrase-makers; for they  
 will progress to deeper impiety; and  
 their sophistry eats like a gangrene.  
 Hymenæus and Philetus belong to  
 17 them; who have missed the mark  
 concerning the truth, declaring that  
 the resurrection has already come,  
 and have overthrown the faith of  
 some. Nevertheless, the firm founda-  
 19 tion of God stands attested by this  
 assurance: THE LORD KNOWS THOSE  
 WHO ARE HIS,<sup>1</sup> and "Let every one  
 named by the Name of the Lord turn  
 away from wickedness."

But in a great house there is not  
 20 only gold and silver furniture, but also  
 wooden and earthenware; and those,  
 indeed, for distinction, but these for  
 ordinary use. If, however, any one  
 21 from among these should purify him-  
 self, he will be an article for distinction  
 —purified, serviceable for the Master,  
 ready for any good work. But banish  
 22 the passions of youth; and pursue  
 righteousness, faith, love, peace to-  
 wards those who call upon the Lord  
 out of a pure heart. But forbid foolish  
 23 and un instructive discussions, know-  
 ing that they will engender quarrels;  
 and a servant of the Lord ought not  
 24 to be quarrelsome, but to be mild to  
 all, instructive and forbearing, with  
 25 gentleness correcting his opponents.  
 For perhaps God may give to them a  
 change of mind towards an acknow-  
 ledgment of truth; and on awakening,  
 26 they may disentangle themselves from  
 the net of the Devil, escaping from  
 under it into His freedom.

### Warning against Evil Workers.

Know this, however, that in the 3  
 last days there are impending terrible  
 times. For men will be lovers of self,  
 2 avaricious, empty, pretentious, libel-  
 lous, disobedient to parents, ungrateful,  
 senseless; without parental affections; 3

<sup>1</sup> Nahum i. 7.

implacable, calumniators, profligate,  
 4 inhuman; without love of goodness,  
 traitors, reckless, stupid, lovers of  
 pleasure more than lovers of God;  
 5 having an appearance of religion,  
 while denying its power: but turn  
 6 away from these. Of such are those  
 who creep into families, and capture  
 7 weak women laden with sins, agitated  
 by various passions, always learning,  
 but never able to arrive at the recogni-  
 tion of truth.

8 But in the same way as Jannes and  
 Jambres resisted Moses, thus also these  
 men of depraved mind, indifferent  
 9 about the faith, resist the truth. But  
 they shall not proceed very far; for their  
 senselessness will become clear to all,  
 10 as that of those became. But you fol-  
 lowed my teaching, with the instruc-  
 tion, the guidance, the resolution, the  
 faith, the forbearance, the love, the en-  
 11 durance, under the persecutions and in  
 the sufferings which assailed me in  
 Antioch, and in Iconium, and in  
 Lystra; from all which persecutions  
 the Lord rescued and delivered me.  
 12 But, however, all those who wish to  
 live religiously in Christ Jesus will be  
 13 persecuted; while depraved men and  
 juggling cheats will progress towards  
 what is worse—deceivers and deceived.  
 14 But you remain in what you learnt  
 and believed, knowing from whom you  
 15 learned; and that from an infant you  
 have known the holy scriptures, the  
 power persuading you into salvation,  
 through belief in the teaching of Christ  
 16 Jesus. Every Divinely inspired and  
 useful writing was intended for teach-  
 ing, attestation, and education in  
 righteousness, so that the man of God  
 might be noble, and well trained for  
 every good work.

#### Paul's Last Solemn Charge to Timothy.

4 I solemnly call upon you before  
 God and Christ Jesus, He Who will  
 come to judge living and dead, at the  
 manifestation of Himself and His  
 2 kingdom, Proclaim the Message;  
 attend to it conveniently or incon-  
 3 veniently; convince, reprove, comfort,  
 with all forbearance and tact. For  
 there will be a time when they will  
 not endure healthy teachings; but  
 according to their own desires they  
 will heap up to themselves doctrines  
 4 pleasant to the hearing; and they will  
 turn away their attention from the  
 truth, but will rely upon fictions.

But keep your guard among all; en- 5  
 dure hardship; do the work of an  
 evangelist; perfectly accomplish your  
 duty: for I am already grey-headed, 6  
 and the time of my release is near. I 7  
 have agonised in the noble contest;  
 I have finished the course; I have  
 guarded the faith. Henceforth there 8  
 is reserved for me the crown of  
 righteousness, which the Lord, the  
 righteous Judge, will award me in that  
 day; and not only to me, but also to  
 all who desire His appearing.

#### Personal Reminiscences.

Try to come to me soon; for Demas, 9  
 loving the present age, has left me, 10  
 and has gone to Thessalonica; Cres-  
 cens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.  
 Luke alone is with me. Taking up 11  
 Mark, bring him with you, for he is  
 very useful in service to me; and I 12  
 have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

When you come, bring the cloak 13  
 which I left behind with Carpus, in  
 Troas, and the books, but especially  
 the parchments.

Alexander, the copper-smith, dis- 14  
 played much ill-will towards me; may  
 the Lord reward him according to his  
 own acts!—and you beware of him; 15  
 for he was strongly opposed to our  
 teachings.

In my first defence no one supported 16  
 me; but, on the contrary, all aban-  
 doned me: let it not be reckoned  
 against them. But the Lord stood by 17  
 me, and filled me with power; so that  
 through me the public proclamation  
 was accomplished, and all the heathen  
 heard; and I was rescued from a lion's  
 mouth. The Lord will rescue me from 18  
 all the attempts of the wicked, and  
 will preserve for His heavenly King-  
 dom. To Him be honor for ever and  
 ever. Amen.

Regards to Prisca and Aquila, and 19  
 the family of Onesiphorus. Erastus 20  
 stayed in Corinth; but I left Trophimus  
 sick in Miletus.

Try to come before winter. Eubulus 21  
 and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia,  
 and all the friends, send regards to you.  
 The Lord Jesus be with your spirit. 22  
 Blessing be with you.

(The second to Timothy, the first ap-  
 pointed overseer of the Ephesian assembly,  
 was written from Rome when Paul ap-  
 peared the second time before the Emperor  
 Nero, about 67 or 68 A.D.)