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2 Timothy 3:1-9

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

We are living in perilous times just like the Apostle Paul predicted. There are several major areas that indicate that we are living in perilous times.

- Terrorism
- Total Disregard for Others

- Extreme lust of the flesh

Terrorism

We are living in an age where men have been convinced that they are doing God's will by blowing themselves up along with killing as many others as possible. The men that are convincing the suicide bombers are in reality the agents of Satan. The mission of these men is to destroy Christianity along with anyone that is not part of their Islamic sect.

I remember when Egyptians were cheering the destruction of the World Trade Center, now they are being attacked by the same Islamic fundamentalists. Are these same Egyptians cheering the destruction of their own country?

We are living in an era where we are witnessing Satan's stranglehold on a greater portion of the world's population. The Islamic clerics who compel their people to become a suicide bomber demand absolute control over their parishioners. They demand total authority over their flock saying that they are speaking what God told them to tell their flock.

Remember the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran when he deposed the Shah, creating an Islamic Republic where he was supreme? He then attacked the American Embassy capturing all of the diplomats. This showed the Iranian people and the world that he was in command. He had no fear of the United States by attacking U.S. property.

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The fundamentalist Islamic Clerics are following his scheme almost to the letter. They create a common enemy of Jews and Christians telling them that the enemy will do everything in their power to destroy them.

When they have created a loyal following willing to die for the “cause,” they are able to persuade them to become suicide bombers. September 11, 2001 was not the first time that the extreme fundamentalist Islamic attacked America.

This first portion of perilous times involves preachers who claim to speak in the name of God while they are really speaking the thoughts and desires of Lucifer.

Total Disregard for Others

Look at the increase crime and murder all around the world. In what was once considered as safe neighborhoods, we hear of young men killing their own parents and neighbors. Also, consider the attitude of those who have no respect for their neighbors. They fulfill everything that the Apostle Paul was speaking about to Timothy. They are traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure, while doing everything in their power to shun the true born-again Christian and God himself.

These are the ones who drive down the street with the radio so loud that the car's metal vibrates. These are the ones who want to stay up all night talking and partying while they keep you awake with their nonsense. These are the ones who justify their actions to themselves while trying to convince you that they didn't think that it bothered you.

All this group cares about is fulfilling their pleasure at the expense of others. They are greedy, contentious, desiring filthy lucre while stepping on and destroying those around

them.

This group sees nothing wrong with rape, murder, and theft while looking at their fellow human beings as troublesome meddlers deserving death. The person who tells them to behave themselves and have some respect for others causes them to think of ways to remove them from their life.

Extreme Lust of the Flesh

It also gets worse. There is a world-wide market of slavery that was reported on CBS's 48 Hours show this past Friday. There are girls being sold into slavery in every major city in the United States. Some of the communities where this is happening are the affluent communities in middle-class America. They showed what appeared to be a home in Queens NY where girls are being imported from Mexico to be sold as sex slaves in America. This degradation and sinking deeper into the depths of sin shows a fulfillment of what Paul wrote to Timothy.

The world today seeks pleasure rather than God. They do everything that they can imagine to increase their pleasure while having a total disregard for anyone around them.

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