



# A WAKE UP CALL

Un appel au Reveil 2 Timothy 3: 1-5

# The setting of 2 Timothy

- 2 Timothy is the last of Paul's epistles. He wrote it while he was imprisoned under Emperor Nero around 66-67bc. Since he was about to be executed, he wanted Timothy to know about his experience (1v.15). He was concerned about the welfare of the church during this time of persecution and advised Timothy to guard the gospel (1v.14).

# Warning about the last days

- BGT **2 Timothy 3:1** Τοῦτο δὲ γίνωσκε, ὅτι ἐν ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις ἐνστήσονται καιροὶ χαλεποί· (2Ti 3:1 BGT)
- But take note of this/But realize this/ Sache.
- It's something that Timothy should pay serious attention to.

## Warning about the last days

- ὅτι ἐν ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις ἐνστήσονται καιροὶ χαλεποὶ
- That in the last days, there will be stressful times
- χαλεποί=hard, difficult 2 Ti 3:1; hard to deal with, violent, dangerous Mt 8:28.

## Warning about the last days

- Every single day things are becoming more and more difficult in many ways.
- In 1950 the average household income was \$ 3,210; the average cost of a new car was \$ 1,510; the price of a gallon of gas 18 cents. The average price of a house was \$ 7,400. In 1960 it was \$ 11,900 and in 1970 \$ 17,000.

## Warning about the last days

- Nearly 123,000 deaths were attributed to homicide in the years 1950-64. The number has risen every year, from 7,942 deaths in 1950 to 9,814 in 1964 (Division of Vital Statistics).
- In 2020, the total of murder victims is 17,754: male 14,146; female 3,573; unknown 35.

# The root cause of these difficult times

- Humans - Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; **Cursed is the ground because of you;** In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.
- <sup>18</sup> "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you shall eat the plants of the field;
- <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:17-19 NAS)

# The root cause of these difficult times

- But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
- <sup>2</sup> **For men will be** lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
- <sup>3</sup> unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,
- <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;
- <sup>5</sup> holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these. (2Ti 3:1-5 NAS)



# The root cause of these difficult times

- ἔσονται γὰρ οἱ ἄνθρωποι φίλαυτοι (2Ti 3:2 BGT)
- φίλαυτος = *loving oneself, selfish* 2 Ti 3:2.\*
- Tout est bien sortant des mains de l'auteur des choses, tout degenerate dans les mains de l'homme, (J. Jacques Rousseau).

# The root cause of these difficult times

- φιλάργυροι= *fond of money, avaricious* Lk 16:14; 2 Ti 3:2.
- **Luke 16:14** Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they were scoffing at Him. (Luke 16:14 NAS)

# The root cause of these difficult times

- Boastful: vagabond, hence an impostor, boaster
- Arrogant: showing one's self above others, overtopping, conspicuous above others, pre-eminent 2) with an overweening estimate of one's means or merits, despising others or even treating them with contempt, haughty

# The root cause of these difficult times

- Revilers: slanderous, evil-speaking, blasphemers
- Disobedient to parents: impersuadable, not compliant, contumacious
- Ungrateful: ungracious
- Unholy: impious, wicked

# The root cause of these difficult times

- Unloving: without natural affection
- Irreconcilable: without libation, i.e. *without truce*, hence *admitting of no truce*
- *Malicious gossips*: prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely
- Without self-control: intemperate

The root cause of these difficult times

- Brutal: not tame, savage, fierce
- Haters of good: without love of good
- Treacherous: a betrayer
- reckless: to fall forwards, headlong, sloping, precipitously

# The root cause of these difficult times

- Conceited: to be puffed up with haughtiness or pride
- Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God
- Holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.

# The Final Warning

- Avoid such men as these.
  - I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;
    - <sup>10</sup> I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.
    - <sup>11</sup> But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one. (1Co 5:9-11 NAS)