

Now The Spirit Speaketh

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

1 Timothy 4:1-3, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

I am bothered by things that I read, or hear, that the bible was written by those who wrote things to fit the circumstances of the times in which they lived. Such things are said by those who don't believe in God. They have more faith in fortune tellers and so-called "Science" than in God. They trust their souls to what some man has figured about some bones, or other item, that has been dug up. They look at a bone and think that they can tell how old it is, what the creature looked like, how it lived, hunted, raised its young, and a host of other things about it. How foolish can man be? We shouldn't be surprised for

the Lord told us that such things would happen. Man would, and has, traded the truth for a lie and is content to do so. The happenings of our day were foretold thousands of years ago by the Lord. This was not a lucky guess, but the Spirit of God revealed it to mankind. Throughout the years of history, man has tried to prove the scriptures wrong, but the bible has been right every time. Why? Because The Spirit, not a spirit, speaketh, telling man what is going to take place. The decay of society, morals, decency, and all that is good is happening just like he said it would.

2 Timothy 3:1-5, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Can anyone say that this is not happening? Killings in schools, churches, and in our streets happen all too often. Why? Because as man turns away

from God, he goes further into the darkness.

For many years schools have taught that evolution is true and the bible is wrong. People who believe in God are mocked. Wealth, fame, and pleasure are held in high esteem while faith, purity, and morals are ridiculed. Is it any wonder that so many are growing up thinking that there is no judgment, right, or wrong, and no real consequences for the sinful life that they live? The devil must be happy to see that so many people believe his lies.

2 Thessalonians 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." We see in our day that there is a great falling away, not only in churches, but in mankind as well. In the past even sinners usually had a respect for the church, but it is not the same today. As the church has fallen away in doctrine, the world has lost much respect for the church. Indeed it is sometimes difficult to tell the church from the world. They often dress, talk and act the same. Well, the Spirit said these things would happen, and they are. God's judgments of the earth are foretold as well, and they will happen.

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AS A YOUNG MAN, PONTIUS PILATE, OF HIGH EQUESTRIAN BIRTH, SERVED HIS TIME, AS ALL YOUNG NOBLES, IN THE ROMAN CAVALRY UNTIL HE WAS IN LINE FOR A LUCRATIVE POSITION. ON RECEIVING HIS GOVERNORSHIP, HE COULD HARDLY HAVE REALIZED HE WAS EMBARKED UPON A ROAD OF MISMANAGED AFFAIRS, A RECALL TO ROME IN GREAT DISGRACE, AND EXILE TO GAUL WHERE HE WOULD FINALLY COMMIT SUICIDE!

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