

Refused to Love the Truth

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*The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they **refused to love the truth and so be saved**. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12*

The problem is not that they never heard the truth, but that they rejected it. The fact that they took pleasure in unrighteousness (sin) is related to their rejection of the truth. People who want to do whatever they please do not like to accept truth that holds them accountable to someone in authority. We see this every day in the way that crimes are committed constantly by lawless people. John tells us that lawlessness is sin. And it is quite obvious that practicing unrighteousness is the opposite of practicing righteousness.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 1 John 3:4 (Also see Rom. 6:13, Rom. 1:18, 29-32, 2:8, 1John 1:9)

Jesus often used the phrase "whoever has ears to hear, let them hear" (or similar) at the end of His teachings and instructions to appeal to the listeners to accept what He said and to act upon it. (Matt. 11:15, 13:9, 13:14-17, 13:43, Mark 4:9, 4:23, Luke 8:8, 14:35, Rev. 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22, 13:9) Clearly, He didn't mean just to hear the sound of His voice, but not LISTEN (obey, heed). Ask any parent if it "counts" when their child hears them but refuses to do what they were told.

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great." Luke 6:46-49

"As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, 'Come,

*and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’ And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and **they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with passionate talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain.** And behold, you are to them like one who sings passionate songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it. When this comes—and come it will!—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.” Ezekiel 33:30-33*

*To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen; behold, **the word of the LORD is to them an object of scorn; they take no pleasure in it.** Jeremiah 6:10*

Notice that the passage at the top separates people from one another based upon authenticity. We're revealing who we ARE by what we LOVE, and by what we DO because of that love. The children of God love Him (as well as others who love HIM and His ways), and the "children of the devil" love sin, evil and lies, and they hate the true children of God. (John 1:12-13, John 13:34-35, 15:9-17, 15:18-21, 1John 3:1-10, 23-24, 4:5-6, 5:2-3, John 8:44, Gal. 6:7-9, Rom. 2:6-11, 8:13, 1Pet. 1:6-9, Matt. 5:10-12, Luke 6:26, 1Pet. 4:14, 2Cor. 5:14-15)

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For **as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.** Isaiah 55:8-9*

*For to set the mind on the **flesh** is death, but to set the mind on the **Spirit** is life and peace. **For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.** Romans 8:6-9*

*And we know that **for those who love God** all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (Also see John 14:15-26, 15:8-17, 1Thess. 4:1-8, Rev. 2:5, 16, 21-23, 3:4-6, 19)*

Those who love lies will receive more lies to love. (Matt. 12:33-37, Psa. 28:3-5, Isa. 30:9-11, 1Kings 22:23) This goes according to "with the measure you use." Those who receive the truth and put it to use will be given more truth. (Luke 11:9-13, Jam. 1:5-27, Matt. 5:6) (And love goes hand in hand with the

truth, not with hate. Eph. 4:15-5:32, 1Cor. 13:1-3, Heb. 13:13-16, Jam. 2:13-26, 1John 3:16-18)

*Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" **You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?** Isaiah 29:15-16*

"Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'? Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' or to a woman, 'With what are you in labor?'" Isaiah 45:9-10

For those who reject God's truth, even what "light" (John 8:12) they have received will be taken from them. (Matt. 13:12) Jesus is the Truth, the Way and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6) Those who put their faith into practice, using what they have, will have stronger faith for it. (Jam. 1:2-4, Mark 4:13-25, Matt. 25:29) Those who don't care about heavenly things have their minds set on the flesh. They invest all they receive in this temporary world instead of heaven. (Rom. 8:5-8, Col. 3, Luke 16:9-13, 12:32-48)

*And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.** The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the **good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an***

honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.” Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.” Luke 8:4-21

There are many examples given throughout the New Testament teaching us that we are expected to value eternal life more than this world. (1John 2:15-17, Heb. 12:15-17, Matt. 6:19-21, Matt. 10:26-42, Rev. 12:10-12) No one can serve two masters (God and money). (Matt. 6:24, Gal. 6:7-9) The broad path is wide and easy but leads to death. (Matt. 7:13-14) Those who hide their lamps under a bushel take the chance they might extinguish them at worst, and at best, lose rewards that could have been their eternally had they only held the light high for others to find their way to our Savior; and salt that is no longer salty is useless and thrown out. (Matt. 5:13-16, Eph. 4:30, 1Thess. 5:19, Heb. 3:12-15, Matt. 25:1-13) Trees that bear bad fruit are cut down and burned. (Matt. 3:7-12, 7:15-29, Gal. 5:13-25) Branches that do not bear fruit are cut off and burned. (John 15:1-17) Bad fish caught in the net are thrown out. (Matt. 13:47-50) Run a good, disciplined, self-controlled race. (1Cor. 9:24-10:13, Heb. 12:1-17, 1Cor. 6:9-20, 2Tim. 2:4-5) Overcome (a verb) by the power of the Holy Spirit (by yielding to His control). (Rom. 8:13-19, Rom. 6, Titus 2:11-3:8, 1John 1:10-2:6, 3:1-10, Rev. 2-3, 21:7-8, Luke 20:34-36, Rev. 20:4-6, 2Tim. 2:3-7, 1Cor. 15:22-23, 33-34, 51-53, 1Thess. 4:16-18, 1John 2:26-29)

Getting back to the passage at the top—if we want to be sure that we are not among those deceived (if we are alive at the time these things come to pass), we need to KNOW our God personally, according to the TRUTH. He's not far away, but IN those who are born of Him. (1Thess. 4:8, Rom. 8:9-11, John 14:16-20, 26, 1Cor. 3:16-17, Gal. 5:16, 2Tim. 1:14, Jam. 4:4-10 - note that God gives more grace to the HUMBLE, but OPPOSES the proud—needless to say, that includes those who are proud OF SIN.) He reveals Himself to us in His word and by the evidence of all He has made. (Heb. 11:1-3, 6, 15-16) To KNOW Him is to LOVE Him. (I guaranty it!) Our time is limited by either the length of our life (which no one has any idea) or the return of Jesus for His own. (Mark 13:35-37) Those who overcome this world by abiding in Jesus (if

necessary, even to the point of being willing to die rather than deny Him by their words or deeds—see the previous paragraph) will not suffer God's wrath.

"For my people are foolish; they know me not; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are 'wise'—in doing evil! But how to do good they know not." Jeremiah 4:22 (Also see Rom. 16:19, 1Cor. 14:20.)

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **Claiming to be wise, they became fools,** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. **For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions.** For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of **unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.** Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, **they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.** Romans 1:18-32*

Notice once again the separation based on whether people love God and the truth, or whether they love evil in these next couple of passages:

*And the LORD said to him, "Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and **put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.**" And to the others he said in my hearing, "Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare,*

and you shall show no pity. Kill old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but **touch no one on whom is the mark**. And begin at my sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the house. Ezekiel 9:4-6

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be **mine**, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my **treasured possession**, and I will **spare them as a man spares his son who serves him**. Then once more you shall see the **distinction** between the **righteous** and the **wicked**, between **one who serves God** and **one who does not serve him**. Malachi 3:13-18

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For **what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God**; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." **Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.** 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 (Also see Heb. 12:14.)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a **people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to **abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul**. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles **honorable**, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God,

*that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. **Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.** Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. **For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Peter 2:9-25 (Also see Titus 2:14, Eph. 5.)*

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Revelation 5:9-12

Here is the full passage including the portion quoted at the top of this article:

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord

*Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they **refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (Also see Rev. 17:14, 19:11-16.)*

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear: If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints. Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let the one who has

understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. Revelation 13:1-18

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, **"If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."** Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:9-13

Below is a foreshadow for us to learn from. (1Cor. 10:1-13) We have free will to choose whether to obey God or not, whether to follow Jesus or not. (Mark 4:3-25) We must confirm our calling by acting upon it (2Pet. 1:10-11, 3:13-18), just like the apostles did when called (Matt. 4:18-22, 9:9, 10:38, 16:24), and also, in a similar way to how the tribes of Israel followed Joshua (a type of Jesus) into the promised land (a type of the Kingdom of God.) Jesus' sheep hear His voice AND follow Him. Those who have the faith of Abraham walk in his steps of faith. (Rom. 4:12, 2:28-29, Gal. 3:28-29, Heb. 11:8-10, Jam. 2:18-26) It's not about "earning" salvation—it's about showing that the professed faith is REAL.

"And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.** John 10:24-27

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, **"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth**

will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, you would love me,** for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me." John 8:31-45

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." But to the wicked God says: "**What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.** If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. Mark this, then, **you who forget God,** lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" Psalm 50:14-23

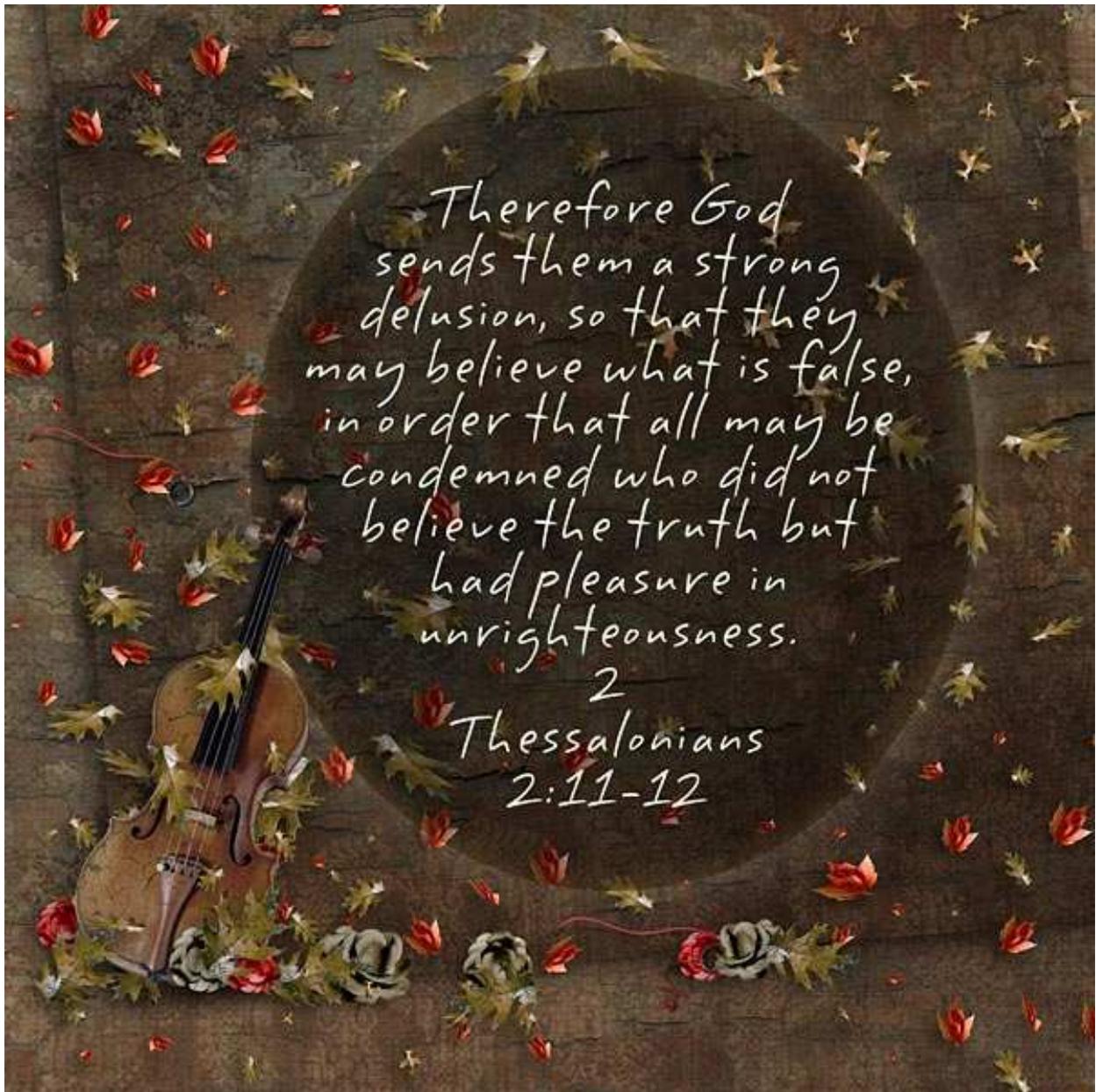
"**If you love me, you will keep my commandments.** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that

day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.**” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.** And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” John 14:15-26

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and **show him my salvation.”** Psalm 91:14-16 (Also see 1John 5:18-19.)

Let’s not play games with God. He can’t be fooled with empty words of faith when our behavior testifies that our hearts belong to this world instead of to Him. (1John 2:15-17, Gal. 6:7-9) If we know Him from His Word telling us what He is like and all He has done, and from observing all He has made, then we know He is worthy of ALL of our devotion. That includes our being willing to put to death the old deeds of our former self, by the power of His Spirit, and to live for Him instead. (Rom. 6, 7:4-6, 8:13-14, 2Cor. 5:14-15, Gal. 2:20, Phil. 3:8-21, Rom. 12:1-2) It’s what believers will gladly be doing for eternity (after the corruptible nature has been changed to incorruptible - 1Cor. 15:50-53). For now, we’re in training. (Titus 2:11-15, Gal. 5:13-25) Let’s please our Commander. (2Tim. 2:3-7, Col. 3:23-25, 1:10, Eph. 5:8-12, Rev. 2:4-5, Col. 1:9-23)

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