Perilous times*

2Timothy 3:1-5 (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.
(The first phraseology) **In the last days** - *This is the time of the gospel dispensation, commencing at the time of our Lord's death, and is particularly styled the last days. Under the gospel dispensation; sometime in that period, the affairs of the world will come to an end. It certainly began with the death of the Messiah, and is sometimes explained in its signification to the destruction of Jerusalem, as this was properly the last days of the Jewish state. However, the phrase certainly meant a future time, whether near or distant we do not know. But it should be noted that men are at the present, guilty of end time prophecies that Paul revealed to Timothy, turn to;*
2Timothy 4:3-4 (3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
(4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
(next phraseology) **Perilous times shall come** - *Grievous times of distress, difficult, trying, uneasy, and substituting evil for good. Precisely in gospel times there would be perilous times; on account of persecution and of corruptions of body and mind. There would be apostasy, "a falling away," the act*

of professed Christians who deliberately reject revealed truth. Apostasy differs from error concerning truth, which may be the result of ignorance. Apostates depart from the faith, but not from the outward profession of religion. Therefore apostasy awaits judgment that not only defies righteousness but demand changes in government to gratify their own lusts, more than to please God and do their duty to Him. When men are eager for what they can get and when men do not fear God, they will not regard man. Men will promise liberty when they themselves are liars, corrupt and full of indignation. When men become unholy and without the fear of God, they become unthankful and abuse God's gifts, making them fuel to justify their unnatural lusts. There are times when a Christian hardly knows which way to turn or what to do. When he has to live under a constant sense of hindrance and difficulty because of ungodly laws and court decisions of the land, turn with me to;

1John 3:7-8 (7) Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. (8) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

(next phraseology) **For men shall be lovers of their own selves** - *It shall be one of the characteristics of those times that men shall be eminently selfish. The word used here - (φίλαυτος philautos) - does not occur elsewhere in the New Testament. It means a lover of oneself. A love of self that will lead one to secure salvation is proper. This interferes with the rights and happiness of no other persons. The selfishness which is condemned, is in regard to ungodly interests which interferes with the rights and comforts of others; which makes self the central and leading object of living; and which trample on all that would interfere, such as LGBTQ comes to mind. It's a base, and hateful, and discusting passion; but it has become so common in the world*

that no one can doubt that men would be lovers of their own selves and women of their own selves that they substitute evil as good and good as evil.
We must be able to discern good and evil. Let's turn to;
Romans 1:26-32 (26) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
(27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.
(28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
(29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
(30) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
(31) Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
(32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.
(next phraseology) **Covetous** - *Lovers of money, because of the influence which riches can procure. Greedy of filthy lucre, doing nothing but for money; looking for his own gain inordinately or wrongly desirous of wealth or possessions; greedy. Making merchandise of the souls of men; Turn to;*
2Peter 2:1-3 (1) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them,and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
(2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

(3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
(next phraseology) **Boasters** - *of their wealth and riches, of their honour and grandeur, of their numbers, of their self righteousness, of their infallibility. Vain glory: self-assuming; valuing themselves and their opinions above all others, disrespecting religion and making base accusations of that which they know not. Boasting of having that which they have not, let's take our clue from;*
Luke 8:16-18 (16) No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.
(17) For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.
(18) Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.
(next phraseology) **Proud** - *Exaggerated, literally showing themselves above their fellow men. The more the love of the world prevails, the more the love of God decays. The things of the world are classed according to the three ruling inclinations of depraved nature. (1) Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled, but the lust of the flesh, of the body: wrong desires of the heart, the appetite of indulging all things that excite and inflame sensual pleasures is not honorable and is defiled. (2) The lust of the eyes: the eyes are delighted with riches and rich possessions; this is the lust of covetousness.*
(3) The pride of life: a vain man craves the grandeur and pomp of a vain-glorious life; this includes thirst after honour and applause, turn with me to;
1John 2:15-16 (15) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the

Father is not in him.
(16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
(next phraseology) **Blasphemers** - Βλασφημοι· *of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ; sitting in a worldly temple as God, a false prophet, assuming to himself that which belongs to God only, calling himself the vicar or caliphate on earth; taking upon himself to enact new laws, and to dispense with the laws of God, and Christ; and has a mouth speaking great things, blasphemies against God, His name, His Church, who speak impiously of God and sacred things, and injuriously to men, evil-speakers, revilers. Such persons have been found within outward religions, these were men of corrupt minds, prejudiced against the truth, and found to be without faith. Satan can deceive the nations and the Church no further, and no longer, than God will permit. Please turn your Bibles to;* **Revelation 13:6-8** (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
(7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
(8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
(next phraseology) **Disobedient to parents** - *It shall be one of the characteristics of those times that children shall be headstrong, whom their parents cannot persuade. Due to the adverse influence of social liberals and alleged "specialists" in human behavior and child psychology, the thinking of many Americans has now been transformed to the extent that spanking has come to be viewed as "child abuse" — making the Bible ineffective for both the child and the parent. Turn to;* **Proverbs 29:15,17** (15) The rod and reproof give wisdom: but

a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.
(17) Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
(next phraseology) **Unthankful** - *The word used here occurs in the New Testament only in two places. Ingratitude has always been regarded as one of the worst of crimes. It is said here that it would characterize that wicked age of which the Apostle speaks, and its prevalence would, as it always does, indicate a decline of religion. Religion makes us grateful to a benefactor - to God, and to man, turn with me to;*
Matthew 5:44-45 (44) But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
(45) That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
(next phraseology) **Unholy** - *Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, nor scoffers walking after their own lusts, nor atheist, nor science falsely so called, nor false prophets, nor they that make a lie shall be pleasing to God, turn with me to;*
Hebrews 10:28-30 (28) He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
(29) Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?
(30) For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.
(next phraseology) **Without natural affection** - *Without that affection which parents bear to their young, and which the*

young bear to their parents, which is common to every class of animals; consequently, men without it are worse than brutes. Aborting unborn children, lacking natural affection is running rampant in our society. Promising liberty under the guise of women's rights, when they themselves are liars, corrupt and full of indignation, give your undivided attention to;
Proverbs 6:16-19 (16) These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
(17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and **hands that shed innocent blood**,
(18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
(19) A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
(next phraseology) **trucebreakers** - *The word means those who are bound by no promise, held by no engagement, obliged by no oath; persons who readily promise any thing, but deliver little. They are motivated to rebellion against God; even corrupting the marriage contract between a man and a woman by consenting to 'men with men' or 'women with women' working that which is unseemly; making void all oaths, contracts, and agreements among men which stand in the way of their own lusts and disgusting designs, a strikingly demoniac likeness to the Apostolic teaching;* Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, **nor abusers of themselves with mankind,** (1Corinthians 6:9). *that would be the advocates of LGBTQ. They will hate you, but love them enough to warn them.*
(next phraseology) **false accusers** - *Διαβολοι·the accuser of the brethren; for this is a principal work of the devil. Slanderers; the arch-slanderer is the devil, striving ever to ruin the characters of others and especially Christians. One who excites contentions and quarrels, let's turn to;*
Revelation 12:9-10 (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that

old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
(10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
(next phraseology) **incontinent** - *"without strength;" that is, without strength to resist the solicitations of passion, or who readily yield to it. They give themselves up to all lasciviousness, and work all uncleanness with greediness; "intemperate" in eating and drinking, indulging themselves in unrighteousness, inhuman to others, turn to;*
James 2:14-16 (14) What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
(15) If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
(16) And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
(next phraseology) **fierce** - *The Greek word used here - ἀνήμερος anēmeros - does not occur elsewhere in the New Testament. It means "ungentle, harsh, severe," and is the opposite of gentleness and mildness. Religion produces gentleness; the lack of true religion makes men rough, harsh, cruel. Such was pagan Rome, in the times of the ten persecutions; and such has been apostate Rome, exercising the greatest cruelties and barbarities on the saints, turn to;*
Revelation 17:5-6 (5) And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
(6) And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.
(next phraseology) **despisers of those that are good** - *without love for good to which they are reprobate. Who place evil for*

good, notwithstanding all their pretensions to good men, whom they hate, which is revealed by Jesus; If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you (John 15:19).
(next phraseology) **Traitors** - *It does not mean traitors to their king or country, but generally betrayers of the persons who trust in them, particularly of their brethren in times of persecution as cited by the Messiah. Turn to;*
Matthew 24:10-12 (10) And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
(11) And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
(12) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
(next phraseology) **heady** - *The same word appears in Acts 19:36, is rendered rashly, daring, bold, and impudent, headstrong, inconsiderate, high-minded, fit to say and do anything though ever so vile and wicked. It occurs only in Acts and 2Timothy in the New Testament tho implied elsewhere.*
(next phraseology) **high-minded** - *Literally, "puffed up;" compare 1 Timothy 3:6, where the same word is rendered "lifted up with pride." The meaning is, that they would be inflated with pride or self-conceit. A smoke screen, those who are full of themselves, and empty of all good;* A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit (Proverbs 29:23).
(next phraseology) **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God** - *Lovers of sensual pleasure - Which naturally extinguishes love and sense of God. This has been the characteristic of a great part of the world. Of a large portion of mankind it may be said that they live for pleasure; they entertain no restraints which interfere with their amusements. Sensual gratification, is their god; serving divers lusts and pleasures, sensual idolaters, delighting themselves in their carnal lusts, and not in service of God;* Now I beseech you, brethren, mark

them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them (Romans 16:17).
(next phraseology) **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.** *Obviously this is an accurate description of Mohammedans. Let's turn to;*
2John 1:7-11 (7) For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
(8) Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
(9) Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.
(10) If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:
(11) For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.
Many have shut the door of salvation unaware they were following the devils doctrine. The door of faith is in Christ which is the effect of belief, and baptism is the effect of that faith; only those who first believed the testimony of God, and repented of their sins by faith, and have confessed Jesus Christ by faith, and are baptized into Him by faith, have the full and explicit testimony of pardon. This is the gospel. If you believe but have not obeyed, come repenting, confess Jesus Christ and be baptized for remission of sins. Or if the faithful need prayer, in either case come while we persuade with song.

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