



1st Timothy

The Church of the Living God

The Threat To Faith

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- Luke 8:13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and **these have no root, who believe for a while** and in time of temptation **fall away**

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- Hebrews 3:12 **Beware**, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in **departing from the living God**

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3. When did the Spirit speak about?

- Matthew 24:1–4 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. ² And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: **“Take heed that no one deceives you.”**

- Matthew 24:5–10 For **many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many,**
⁶ And **you will hear of** wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not troubled;** for all these things must come to pass, but **the end is not yet.** ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows. ⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then **many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.**

- Matthew 24:11–14 Then **many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.** ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But **he who endures to the end shall be saved.** ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1–4 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² **not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit** or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³ **Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first**, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

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2. A Description of the Deceivers.

- 1 Timothy 1:19–20 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, **concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck**,²⁰ of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme

C. A Direct Refutation - Expose the Danger

1. The Standard of Measure - The Word of God exposes error

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- Colossians 2:6–7 As you therefore have **received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,** ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and **established in the faith,** as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving,

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2. Sanctified by the Word of God

- Hebrews 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, **let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably** with reverence and godly fear,



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