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**Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy: Perilous Times are Here! (II)**

Scripture text: 2 Tim 3:1-9

1. There is great spiritual wickedness in the world today and it operates through men, which includes both unregenerate men and immature believers (v1-5). Therefore, we must not be complacent to think that they will not be found in the church.
2. They are deceivers, entering into our lives through devious means and pretense (v6). They may appear godly, but it is religious hypocrisy. They will subtly influence those who are weak in mentality and character. Those who struggle with sinful lifestyles will become deceived because they want their guilt to be resolved without giving up their sins.
3. They are unspiritual people who do not understand God's truth (v7). They may even have the appearance of religiosity by studying God's Word but they do not learn the spiritual lessons. They will resist and not obey the truth. They will also resist the messengers of truth. According to Jewish tradition, Jannes and Jambres (v8) were Egyptian magicians.
4. These people will be disapproved by God. They may continue in their wicked ways but they will never succeed (v9). God will protect His people. The saints will discover their evil deeds because God will grant them discernment. God's Word and the Holy Spirit will guide believers in the truth. We must guard our hearts and minds through God's help.