



Sermon Outline

Sermon Series: Passing the Baton of Faithful Ministry

Sermon: *Tough Times Ahead in Ministry*

Introduction: Difficult Times – v1 - *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.*

I. Descriptions of People in the Last Days – vv2-4 - *For people will be . . .*

1. *Lovers of self*
2. *Lovers of money*
3. *Proud*
4. *Arrogant*
5. *Abusive*
6. *Disobedient to parents*
7. *Ungrateful*
8. *Unholy,*
9. *Heartless*
10. *Unappeasable*
11. *Slanderous*
12. *Without self-control*
13. *Brutal*
14. *Not loving good*
15. *Treacherous*
16. *Reckless*
17. *Swollen with conceit*
18. *Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*

II. Deceivers within the Church – vv5-7

Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶ For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷ always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

III. Deniers of the Truth – vv8-9

Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹ But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

The Takeaway: Hebrews 4:16 - *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*