

Be Not Soon Shaken In Mind

I. Introduction:

A. In times of peril, people often hear or say: "It's not then end of the world". There is more to that statement than many realize.

1. The end of the world represents a finality of all things regarding this life (**II Peter 3:10-11**).
2. If the world still stands, the Lord is still in Heaven, and you are still alive; nothing we face is the "end of the world". The things that matter most are changeable (**Psalms 32:5** and **Ezekiel 14:6**; cf. **Lamentations 3:39-40**).

B. Yet, though "it's not the end of the world", anxiety is a real problem that we face in life (**Luke 10:38-42**).

1. As Christians, we cannot give ourselves over to troubled minds (**Proverbs 12:25**, **Proverbs 15:13**, **Proverbs 17:22**, **II Corinthians 7:10**, and **II Timothy 2:3-4**).
2. We have to have our minds in the right direction (**Isaiah 26:3**, **Ephesians 4:22-23**, and **I Peter 1:13**).

II. Body: **II Thessalonians 1:7-2:5**

A. First, let's start by clarifying some things in the text this lesson is based upon (**II Thessalonians 1:7-2:5**)...

1. Some falsely taught that Christ was coming. No man knew or can currently know that to accurately teach such (**Mark 13:31-33**, **I Thessalonians 5:2**, and **II Peter 3:10-14**).
2. Paul knew that, at least, there was a falling away that had to come and that in itself prevented the coming of Christ as it was still to come (**I Timothy 4:1-5**, **II Timothy 4:1-5**, and **II Peter 2:1-3**).
3. The "son of perdition" does not just apply to one person as the phrase was used of one dead at the time Paul wrote the second epistle to the Thessalonians (**John 17:12**; cf. **John 6:70-71**).

B. Ways not to be soon shaken in mind, troubled...

1. Think on the right things (**Philippians 4:6-8**).
2. Think about the Lord's promise (**John 14:1-3**).
3. Talk to brethren (**I Thessalonians 5:11-14**) and the Lord (**I Peter 5:6-7**).
4. Realize what control you do (**II John 1:8** and **Jude 1:21**) and do not have (**Ecclesiastes 9:11-12**).

C. We should be able to encourage ourselves in the Lord (**I Samuel 30:6**).

1. Run to Him (**Psalms 62:8**, **Proverbs 18:10**, and **Romans 8:31-39**).
2. Look forward (**John 4:31-36** and **II Corinthians 4:16-5:1**).

III. Conclusion: Balance is necessary! Be carefree, but not careless for the end of carelessness is not good (**Isaiah 47:7-11**).