

Outline – July 11, 2021
Luke 21:12-17; 2 Timothy 3:1-12
Deception And Persecution

There Is A Darkness Coming Over Our Land

- I. **The symptoms of an encroaching darkness**
 - A. Freedoms lost
 - 1. Freedom of speech
 - 2. Freedom of religious liberties
 - B. Government overreach
 - C. Blame, bitterness, belligerence
 - D. Magical thinking
 - E. Censorship
 - F. Division
 - G. Fear, aggression
- II. **How does darkness begin to take over?**
 - A. When you leave the truth
 - B. When deception takes over
 - 1. Jesus warned do not be deceived
 - C. When opposition to God's word becomes the norm
 - D. When replacing God becomes the emphasis
- III. **The warning of Jesus (It happened before; it will happen again)**
 - A. As it was in the days of Noah
 - B. As it was in the days of Lot
 - 1. Great perversion
 - 2. Great rebellion
 - 3. Great affluence
 - 4. Great morning
 - 5. Great darkness
 - 6. Great destruction
 - 7. Great doom
 - C. The world is seeing the shadows of the coming darkness
 - 1. Darkness wants to extinguish the light
 - 2. Darkness hates the light
- IV. **The four things that keep the light shining**
 - A. The relevance of scripture
 - 1. The standard of life
 - 2. Jesus called it truth
 - 3. Jesus said it will be fulfilled

- 4. These events are pointing to
 - a. Rapture of the church
 - b. Revealing of the antichrist
 - c. Return of Jesus
 - d. Reign of His kingdom
 - B. Reality of truth
 - 1. Magical thinking is nothing new
 - 2. It is a rebellion against reality
 - 3. When you face truth, embrace truth and live the truth, you know freedom
 - 4. When you suppress the truth you become indignant, paranoid, and rebellious
 - C. The role of grace
 - 1. Grace is what saves us
 - 2. Grace is what keeps us
 - 3. Grace is what humbles us
 - D. The riches of salvation
 - 1. Our primary objection is to know Jesus
 - 2. To have eternal life
 - 3. To go from death to life
- V. **How light exposes deception and drives out darkness**
- A. Hear what Jesus said
 - 1. My sheep hear my voice
 - B. Believe what Jesus said
 - C. Embrace what Jesus said
 - D. Do what Jesus said

You Are The Light Of The World