



2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
The Man of Sin—Part 2
From Sermon 6.5.22

Read *2 Thessalonians 2:3-10*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Continuing in *The Day of the Lord* theme, the Bible makes two things clear: 1- the man, Antichrist is coming. He'll be a master at manipulating people and infecting all aspects of human life. And 2-the spirit of antichrist is already at work to pave the way. The one place he's focused on infiltrating today is the true church. He can weaken it and even bring much of it down by getting them to focus on worldly issues, demand their opinions, and view each other as the enemy.

1. What method of attack is the spirit of antichrist already using *in the world* to create chaos [note; it's the same one he's using inside the church] Intrigue. AKA: Sabotage, Plotting, Inside-out destruction thru division. See also *Daniel 8:23*

1a. Where have you already seen it working? Various Personal Observations

2. What are some of the biggest topics in the culture today? Gun Control, Abortion, LBGTQ, Immigration, Elections, Race and Justice, Environment, Use of Masks, Freedom of Speech, Capitalism.....

2a. Without sharing your view, do you have strong opinions on one or several of those? Personal Answers

2b. How many do you think have a clear, biblical teaching and commands? Various Answers

2c. What's important, however, as a family/church family concerning any issue? Love, patience, unity*. See also *Ephesians 4:1-5*

3. The issues, debates, and stands were not the topic of the message. What was the main point and warning from Sunday's sermon? Someone is pulling the strings. They want us at odds with each other. They are flooding the dialog with controversy. So many topics at the same time and one after the other. This keeps us focused on the issues and not the one pulling the strings and setting the stage. See *Galatians 5:13-15*

4. *What is the one topic, inside the church, that allows for division, if necessary? Doctrine. Including biblical morality within the membership. Church discipline.

5. Read *Proverbs 6:16-19* & List the 7 things God views as an abomination.

- Haughty Eyes
- Lying Tongue
- Hands that Shed the Blood of Innocent
- Feet that Run to Do Evil
- Lungs That Breath Out Falsehood
- Spreading Strife Among Brothers [Brethren]

5a. What does it say to you that God puts agents of division and strife in this sin category? Various Personal Answers