

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

“The Pain of
Loneliness”
(2 Timothy 4:9-16)



2 TIMOTHY



- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace in the midst of trials, staying true to the scriptures (1:2,3).
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost" (1:8-12)
- Hold Fast The Pattern (1:13,14)
- Disloyalty vs. Friendship (1:15-18)
- Grace Includes Keeping Rules! (2:1-7)
- Need Endurance & Faithfulness (2:8-13)
- Workers Approved & Honorable Vs. Rejected & Devil Enslaved (2:14-26).

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■ CHAPTER 3

- ▶ (1) Warning of future Perilous Times (3:1-9)
- ▶ (2) Paul—An Example of Endurance (3:10-13);
- ▶ (3) The Scriptures—Our Safeguard (3:14-17).

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■ CHAPTER 4

- ▶ (1) Paul's Final Charge to Timothy - His Duty As A Preacher (4:1-5)
- ▶ (2) Paul's Triumph & Farewell (4:6-8)
- ▶ (3) Personal Matters (4:9-22).

2 Timothy 4:9–22 (NKJV)

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PAUL’S REQUESTS



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“COME TO ME QUICKLY”



Paul is in a dungeon cell awaiting the execution date, as yet unknown to him (cf. v. 6).



The emphasis is on speed since Paul did not know how much longer he would be allowed to live, (cf. 21)



The context also makes plain that he is lonely. His traveling companions and fellow workers are on missions elsewhere (except Luke, who is with him), (cf. 10,12)

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■ “BRING MARK WITH YOU”

- Mark deserted Paul and Barnabas on their first journey (Acts 13:13).
- When they started on the second journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark, but Paul refused (15:37–39).
- Mark was with Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome (Col. 4:10), and now (during his second imprisonment) he wants Timothy to bring Mark with him when he comes to Rome — Mark had proven himself useful! (Acts 15:39; Col. 4:10)

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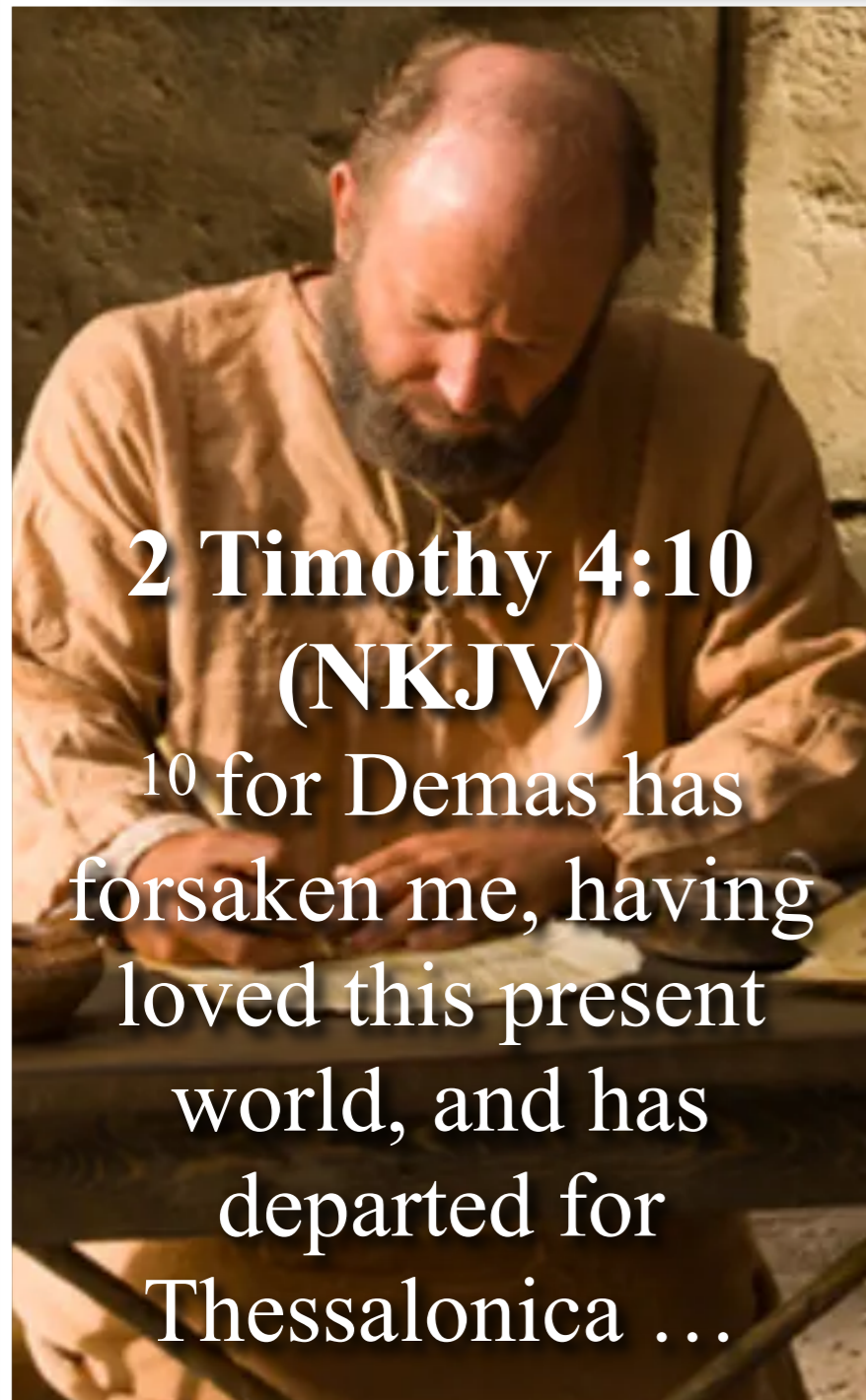
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- “BRING MY CLOAK, BOOKS & PARCHMENTS”
 - ❖ CLOAK: (φελώνης phēlōnēs) a mantle, denotes a traveling cloak for protection against stormy weather.”
 - ❖ His former recorded visit to Troas (Acts 20:6) was approximately three or four years earlier. Perhaps Paul made another visit to Troas between imprisonments.
 - ❖ We do not know the contents or purpose for the “books (biblia) and parchments” (membrana), of which Paul speaks. (*scriptures? official documents? writing materials & supplies?*)

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PAUL’S DISAPPOINTMENTS



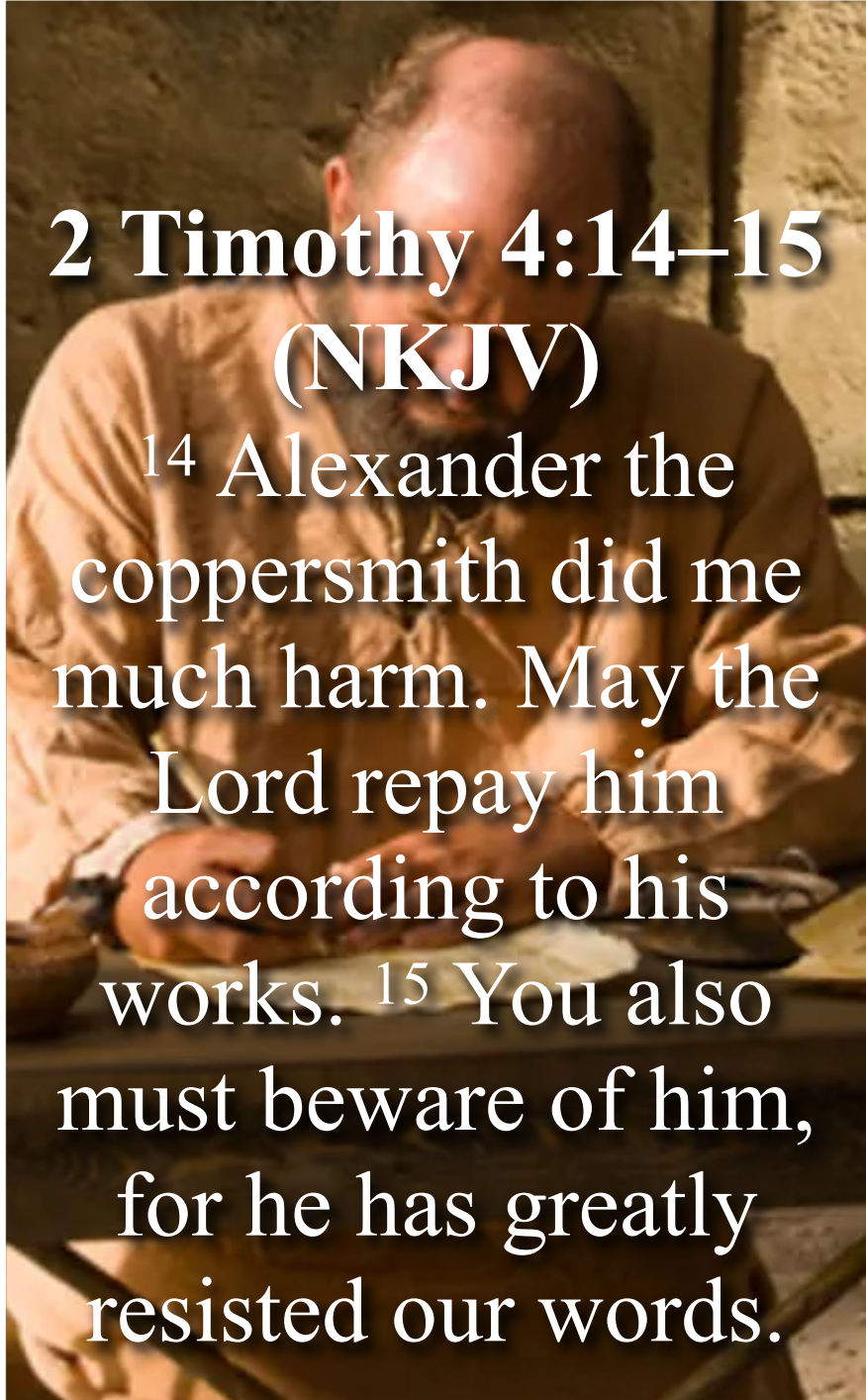
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- Demas had been a trusted “fellow-labourer,” and close traveling companion of the apostle Paul (Col. 4:14; Phile. 24).
- Forsaken (egkataleipō) means “to abandon, desert, to leave in straits, leave helpless, (colloq. leave in the lurch)” (Thayer).
- Demas did not just leave Paul’s side like the others in this text who were sent to serve elsewhere, His forsaking was spiritual, as indicated by the words having loved this present world. (1 John 2:15-17).
- To Thessalonica to escape persecution?

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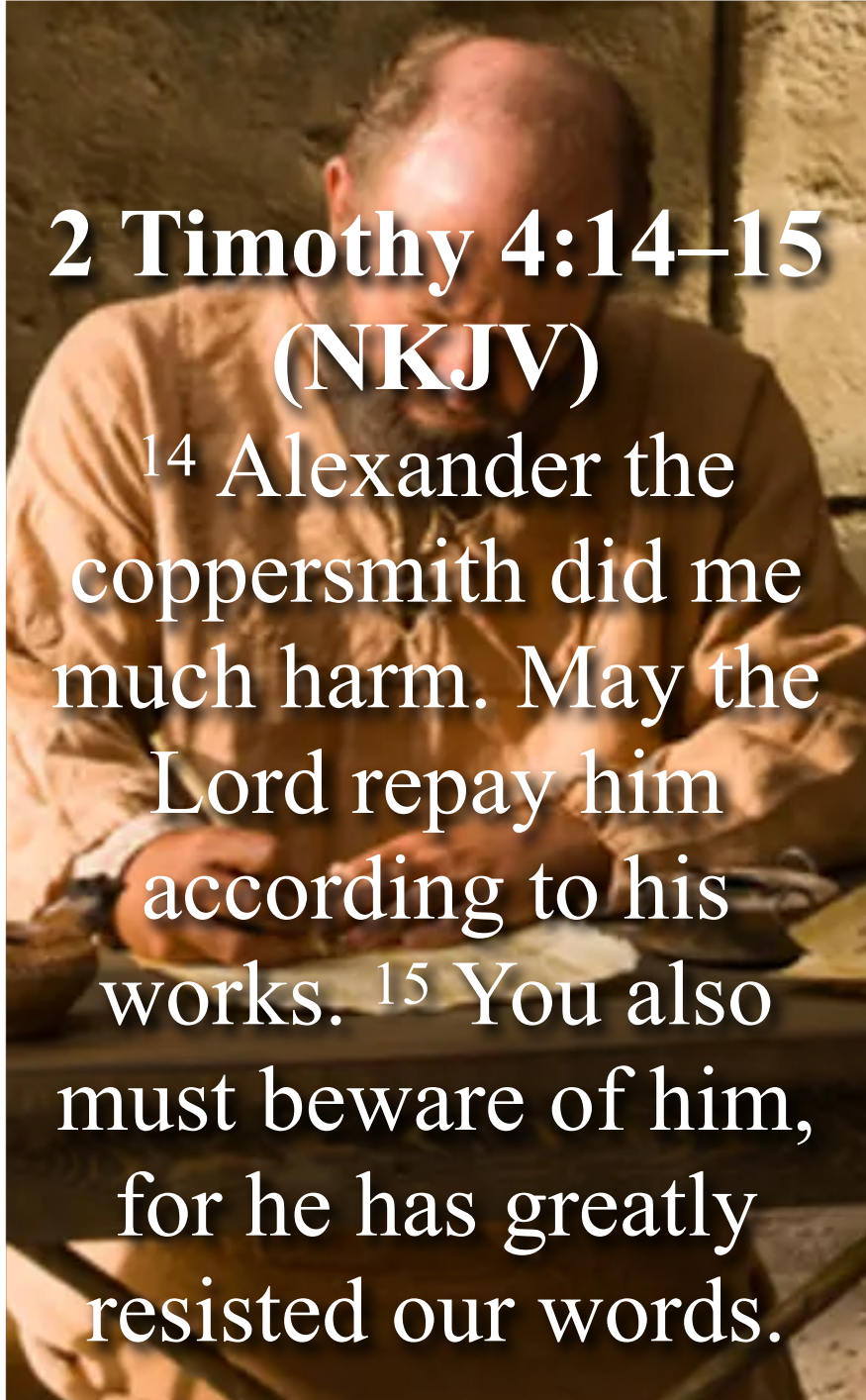
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- The name Alexander appears in five different passages in the NT and likely identifies as many different individuals (Mark 15:21; Acts 4:6; 19:33, 34; 1 Tim. 1:19, 20; 2 Tim. 4:14).
- We must acknowledge the possibility of two or three references identifying the same man (1 Tim. 1:19, 20).
- “**did me much harm**” *endeiknumi* literally means to display; and it was in fact often used for the laying of information against a man.
- Alexander probably had something to do with Paul’s imprisonment & sentence.

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- The apostle had no desire for personal revenge, as may be seen by his reference to Psalm 62:12: “*The Lord will repay him for what he has done*” (cf. Rom. 12:19; 2 Thees. 1:6. 1 Jno. 5:16).
- Timothy could possibly cross paths with Alexander — Paul warns Timothy of Alexander’s character and that he should stay away from him, probably for his own safety, (cf. Mat. 10:16, 17. Phi. 3:2)
- Alexander was an enemy of truth, for he rejected, (*withstood*. See on ch. 3:8), the words of Paul, and had brought much harm to him.

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- “My First Defense” — most likely his preliminary examination upon his most recent imprisonment in Rome.
- “No one stood with me” — No one spoke up to defend Paul (Mk. 14:50. Jno. 16:32).
- Barclay says, “A Roman trial began with a preliminary examination to formulate the precise charge with which the prisoner was to be charged. When Paul was brought to that preliminary examination, not one of his friends stood by him. It was too dangerous to proclaim oneself the friend of a man on trial for his life.”

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- Paul appears to express disappointment in the fact that some of his fellow-workers had “let him down.”
- This prayer of Paul is reminiscent of our Lord’s prayer (Luke 23:34) and of Stephen’s prayer (Acts 7:60) ...
- However, Paul’s prayer on their behalf shows that he also understood the life threatening situation they faced.
- Could it be that Paul did not want them risking their lives for him? And is he asking the Lord to not hold it against them for that reason?

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- Paul’s courage in proclaiming the gospel was not dampened by the weakness of those around him — he fully trusted in and fully relied upon the Lord to provide for his needs that he may fully preach the gospel (Phil. 4:13; 1 Tim. 1:12).
- The apostle to the Gentiles had long before discounted his own life for the sake of fulfilling his mission to the Gentiles (cf. Acts 20:24).
- “Mouth of the lion” — Literal or figurative? The Lord granted him a temporary stay of execution.

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- Paul does not include in every evil work the idea of physical suffering, injury, or death (cf. 2 Cor. 11:23-28).
- Paul frequently expresses his faith in God’s power to save and sustain his children, and to fulfill his every promise in their behalf (1 Cor. 10:13; Gal. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 4:15, 16; cf. also 1 Pet. 1:5; 2 Pet. 2:9).
- Paul once more is expressing his faith in God’s “power” (his part) in the preservation of our souls (cf. 4:8; 2 Cor. 4:17-5:4)

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- Despite every evil attack, he had complete confidence that God would bring him safely to His heavenly kingdom (cf. v. 1).
- God’s kingdom is currently in its earthly phase (Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 1:9) and will transition into its heavenly phase (Ac 14:22; 2 Ti. 4:18; 2 Pt. 1:11).
- For this Paul, even in the face of his own death, could do nothing but praise God: To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen (cf. Eph. 3:21; 2 Peter 3:18).

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John 16:31–33 (NKJV)

³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. ³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”