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CONTEND 'TIL THE END

2 PETER 2:1-10A | REV. DON GUICO

We are at war!

There is a war that is seen, and there is a war that is unseen. The war that is seen is fought in the physical realm, where ideologies like politics, freedom, economics, property, and religion are the common issues being fought for. The war that is unseen is fought in the spiritual realm, where the heart, mind, and soul are the usual battleground, and the issue commonly fought for is truth.

Both wars have casualties. The war that is seen takes a great toll on property and on lives. But the good news, somewhat, is that consequences are temporal, where people can rebuild and regain what was lost over a period of time. The war that is unseen, however, takes a toll on the individual's soul, and the consequence is usually permanent and eternal.

The battle for the individual's soul is as old as time. It was first fought in the garden of Eden, where the first man and woman lost the battle to the devil, who deceived them by twisting the truth of God's word. Since then, the world had been in constant war - brother against brother, family against family, nation against nation.

And then Jesus came into the world. With his suffering, death on a cross, and triumphant resurrection from the grave, he defeated the devil and death, and brought into the world the hope of deliverance and peace to the soul. And it was bought at such a high price - with his life. But both seen and unseen wars have not ended. Jesus even said in Matthew 24:4b-13, pertaining to the end of times, that there will be wars and rumors of wars, many false prophets will

arise and lead many astray, but those who endure to the end will be saved.

Both Peter and Paul were well aware that such wars would happen, especially the war unseen. Which is why they both wrote about this in their letters as a stern warning to the early church so that God's people would contend for the faith until the end. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:10, **"be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall."**

In our passage today, may the Lord enable us to fully understand that:

- I. There will be false prophets and false teachers (v.1)**
- II. Many will believe them and fall away (vv.2-3a)**
- III. God will judge the unrighteous and rescue the godly (vv.3b-10a)**

And as such, Paul gave us an example in 2 Thessalonians 3 as to how God's people should contend 'til the end:

1. Participate actively in the Great Commission (v.1)
2. Pray for deliverance from adversity and the great adversary (v.2)
3. Protect our confidence in the Lord (vv.3-4), and
4. Persevere in God's love and in Jesus' example (v.5)

May we live holy and godly lives as we look forward to the day of the Lord (2 Peter 3:11-12). ✠

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■ PRIME: PRACTICAL WISDOM ON LIVING YOUR BEST SEASON YET

Mar. 26, 2022 | 4:00 PM
Speaker: Rev. Mike Trinidad

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Contend for Righteousness and Peace

Mar. 26, 2022 | 7:30-9:30 AM
Speaker: E. Raymund Sanchez

■ 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

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March 28 - May 6, 2022

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