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Intro Music - "My (Your) Father Is So Good To Me"

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God.

On today's topic, I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the **'Terrible Times In The Last Days'** and Jesus' advice on what can be expected of Christians living at that time.

Let's start with a letter by the apostle Paul to Timothy predicting the terrible times to come in the last days. Now Timothy traveled with Paul and was his official representative when he was away from him.

This letter to Timothy is found in the new testament: **Book of 2nd Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 1-7**, and starts like this: *There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers*

Of themselves and lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, using profanity and showing contempt for and all that is sacred.

They will be without love, unfeeling, heartless and cruel, taking pleasure in getting revenge, and ready to ruin someone's reputation by telling lies and stirring trouble.

They will think, speak and act immorally, and will ridicule people trying to do what is right and good.

They will be brutal, hating anything that is good.

They will be treacherous, reckless, pompous, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

They will pretend to be religious or church going people, but they will not believe God's word and will deny God's power.

Stay away from these people.

At the last supper, Jesus told his disciples, "If the world hates you, just remember that it has hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as it's own. But I chose you from this world, and you do not belong to it; that is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you. 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you too; if they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours too.

But they will do all this to you because you are mine; for they do not know the one who sent me.

They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not come and spoken to them; as it is, they no longer have any excuse for their sin.

Whoever hates me hates my Father also. They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not done among them the things that no one else ever did; as it is, they have seen what I did and they hate both me and my Father.

This, however, was bound to happen so that what is written in their Law may come true; 'They hated me for no reason at all.'

The Helper will come – the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and he will speak about me. And you, too, will speak about me, because you have been with me from the beginning.

I have told you this, so that you will not give up your faith. You will be expelled from the synagogues, and the time will come when anyone who kills you will think that by doing this he is serving God. People will do these things to you because they have not known either the Father or me. But I have told you this, so that when the time comes for them to do these things, you will remember what I told you."

This reading is found in the New Testament, John Chapter 15: Verses 18-27 and Chapter 16: Verses 1-4

FINISH with last verse of the song *"Into God's Hands, Our Spirit Will* Go" (Written and performed by Carl Vasta)

Back Ground Ending Music Starts and...

Finish with *"My Father Is So Good To Me"* (3rd verse & fade)

Ending for Topic

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, (the good shepherd), to bring you back to Him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with The Storyline Of The Bible, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible - to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are The Stories And Quotes From Jesus, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these Bible Seeds; my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the PDFs for Storyline Of The Bible and Quotes and Stories from Jesus. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: <u>www.carlvasta.com</u>. Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending For Podcast

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

A new podcast is released every Sunday at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time.

God bless you and your loved ones and remember..... (Song: last verse of My Father Is So Good To Me)