



Second Timothy

Lesson 1
November 14, 2024

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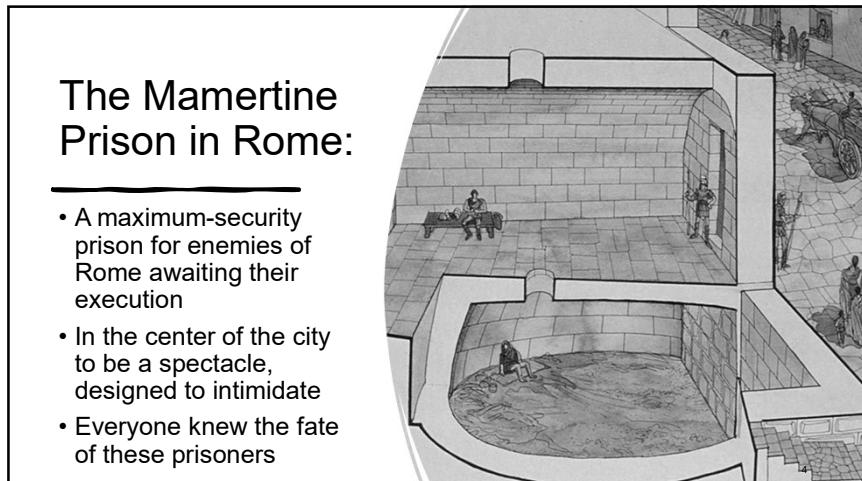
II Timothy 4:13 "When you come, *bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.*"

II Timothy 4:6 "...I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and *the time of my departure has come.*"

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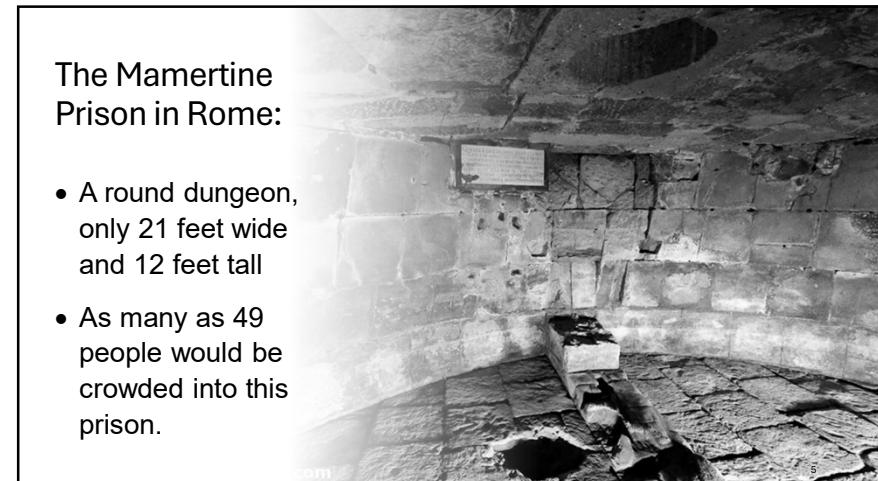
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The Mamertine Prison in Rome:

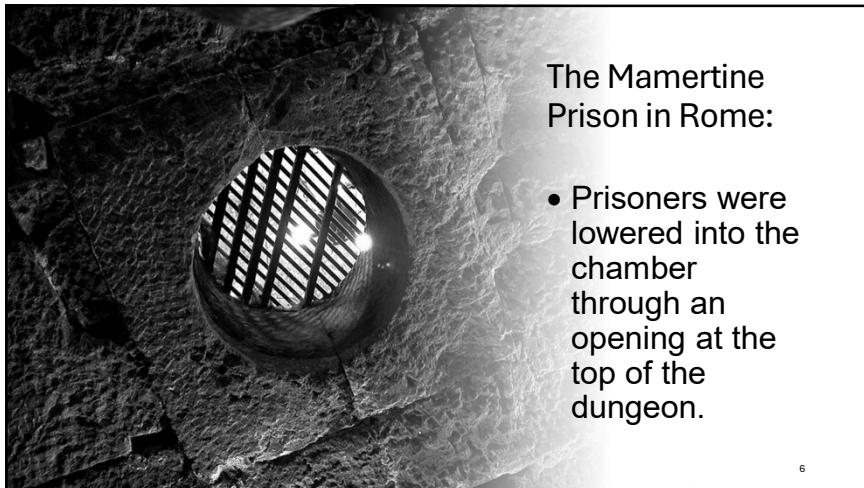
- A maximum-security prison for enemies of Rome awaiting their execution
- In the center of the city to be a spectacle, designed to intimidate
- Everyone knew the fate of these prisoners

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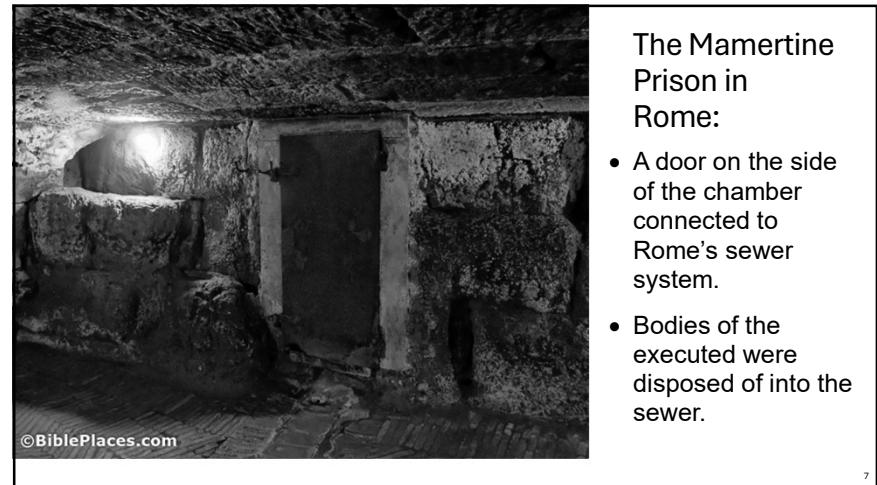
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The Mamertine Prison in Rome:

- Prisoners were lowered into the chamber through an opening at the top of the dungeon.

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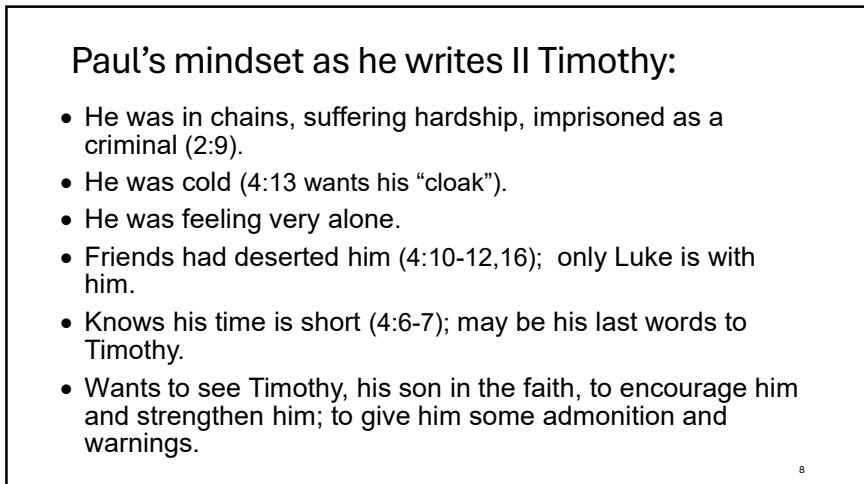
The Mamertine Prison in Rome:

- A door on the side of the chamber connected to Rome's sewer system.
- Bodies of the executed were disposed of into the sewer.

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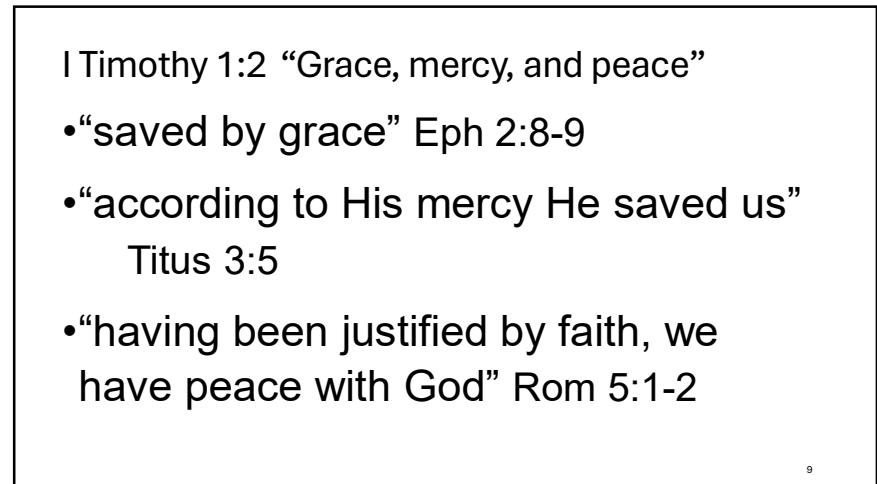
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Paul's mindset as he writes II Timothy:

- He was in chains, suffering hardship, imprisoned as a criminal (2:9).
- He was cold (4:13 wants his "cloak").
- He was feeling very alone.
- Friends had deserted him (4:10-12,16); only Luke is with him.
- Knows his time is short (4:6-7); may be his last words to Timothy.
- Wants to see Timothy, his son in the faith, to encourage him and strengthen him; to give him some admonition and warnings.

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I Timothy 1:2 "Grace, mercy, and peace"

- "saved by grace" Eph 2:8-9
- "according to His mercy He saved us" Titus 3:5
- "having been justified by faith, we have peace with God" Rom 5:1-2

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I Timothy 1:2 “Grace, mercy, and peace”

- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may *obtain mercy* and *find grace to help* in time of need.” (Heb 4:16)
- “*Do not be anxious about anything*, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and *the peace of God*, which surpasses all understanding, *will guard your hearts and your minds* in Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:6-7)

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I Timothy 1:6-14 Instructions and Reminders:

- 1:6 “*kindle afresh the gift of God*”
- I Tim 4:14 “*Do not neglect the spiritual gift* within in you, which was bestowed on you ...with the laying on of hands”
- I Peter 4:10-11 “*As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another* as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ....”
- *Lists of spiritual gifts: Rom 12:6-8, I Cor 12:8-10,28-30, Eph 4:11, I Peter 4:11*

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I Timothy 1:6-14 Instructions and Reminders:

1:7 “Don’t be timid!” = cowardice; a spirit of fear is not from God.

- God equips us with: **Power** and **Love** and **Sound Mind**
 - important for believers, especially in difficult times.
- **Power** = strength to withstand the trial;
DUNAMIS – *dynamite*
- **Love** AGAPE = volitional love, choosing to act in a loving way.
- **Sound mind** = sound judgment, discipline, self-control; the judgment and wisdom to respond correctly.

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I Timothy 1:6-14 Instructions and Reminders:

1:8 “do not be ashamed of the testimony of **our Lord** or of me **His prisoner**”

- v.12 “For this reason **I also suffer, but I am not ashamed...**”
- v.16 “**Onesiphorus...was not ashamed** of my chains”
- v.8 “do not be ashamed...but **join with me in suffering**”

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Hebrews 13:3 “Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.”

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I Timothy 1:9 The right perspective:

- God saved us.
- God called us to a holy calling.
 - Not because of our works
 - But according to His purpose
- Was all part of His plan “from all eternity” → the BIG picture:

God's PLAN vs. our temporary suffering
= no comparison

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I Timothy 1:10 Christ's purpose in coming :

- Abolished death = annulled it; destroyed its power (I Cor 15:55)
- Brought life and immortality to light
- Gospel = the Good News of salvation provided through Jesus Christ (I Cor 15:1-4)

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I Timothy 1:11 How Paul fits into God's plan:

He was appointed a preacher, apostle, & teacher.

- **Preacher** [KERUX] = a herald or proclaimers (vested with authority) of divine truth
- **Apostle** [APOSTOLOS] = an ambassador of the Gospel, commissioned by Christ, sent with a message
- **Teacher** [DIDASKALOS] = an instructor who teaches concerning the things of God

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I Timothy 1:12 “For this reason I also suffer”:

This is Paul’s “why,” the purpose for his suffering.
It’s BIGGER than the Roman government!

- “But **I know**” = assurance
- “**Whom** I have believed” = the Anchor for our faith
- “I am **convinced** that **He is able**” = confidence in Him
- “will guard what I have **entrusted to Him**”
= He is trustworthy!
- “until that day” = there is a future reward coming!

→ It’s worth it!

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I Timothy 1:13-14 More Instructions and Reminders:

- v.13 “Retain the standard of sound words”
= you aren’t free to change the gospel!
- v.14 “Guard...the treasure which has been entrusted to you”
 - cp v.12 We entrust our souls, our all to the Lord.
 - v.14 The Lord entrusts us with the treasure of the gospel;
it’s a stewardship!

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I Timothy 1:15-17 The response of the people:

- Some disappointed Paul: “all who were in Asia turned away from me” (cp 4:10-12)
- Some harmed Paul: “among who are Phygellus and Hemogenes”
→warning Timothy: watch out for these men! (cp 4:14-15)
- Some refreshed Paul: “Onesiphorus...often refreshed me” (v.16)
 - “He eagerly searched for me and found me.” (v.17)
 - He risked his own life for Paul.
 - Paul prays that the Lord would grant him mercy.

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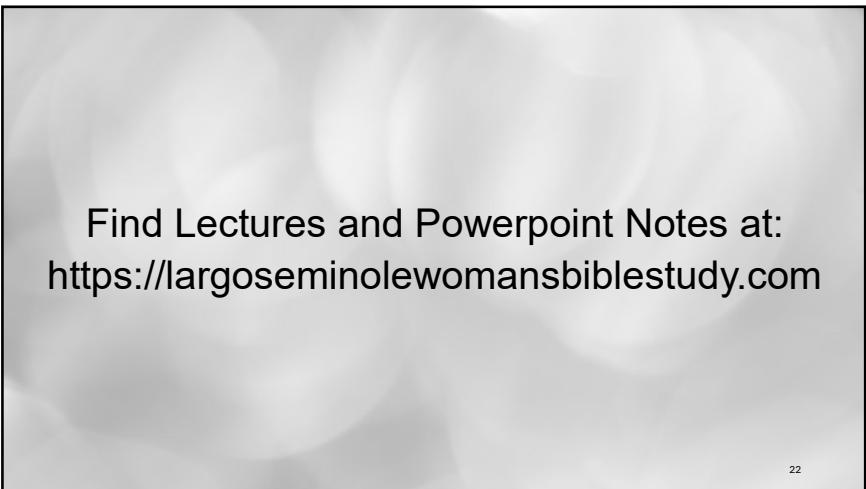
Lessons from II Timothy 1:

1. Stressful circumstances are not the time to retreat, but they are the opportune time to use the gifts God has given you. v.6-7
2. Don’t be ashamed of the gospel or of the Lord’s servants. Don’t withdraw from those who are suffering. v.8,15-16
3. Hold on to “sound words,” the scripture, even when it is not popular. v.13-14
4. Guard what has been entrusted to you; the gospel is a stewardship. v.14
5. Our confidence is in knowing Whom we have believed. v.12.

→Be sure that you do know Him!

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