

Sermon Discussion Guide

Present Restraint and Future Revelation

2 Thessalonians 2:6-8

The present mystery of lawlessness (7)

1 John 2:18; Matt 2:21-23; 24:5, 10-13

- How should we understand this present mystery of lawlessness?
- What is the relationship between the mystery of lawlessness and the man of lawlessness?
- How does an awareness of this present lawlessness affect us as Christians?

The present restraint (6-7)

1 Tim 4:1; Matt 24:10-13

- What work does the restrainer perform?
- What happens when the restrainer is out of the way?
- How does this section emphasize the sovereignty of God?
- How does an understanding of the present restraint affect us as believers?

The future revelation (8)

Isa 11:1-5; Rev 19:11-16

- What does verse 8 emphasize regarding the revelation of the lawless one?
- How does this verse comfort you as a Christian?
- What are the main events that Paul has explained in verses 1-8?
- How does our understanding of the coming of the man of lawlessness point us to Christ?