The Pastoral Epistles (Letters)

- Lesson 10 -

2 Timothy 4:1-22	Your Personal Notes:
1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ,	
who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his	
kingdom;	
2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove,	
rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.	
3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound	
doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves	
teachers, having itching ears;	
4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be	
turned unto fables.	-
5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of	
an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.	
6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my	
departure is at hand.	
7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have	
kept the faith:	
8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,	
which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day:	
and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his	
appearing.	[
9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:	
10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present	
world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia,	
Titus unto Dalmatia.	
11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for	
he is profitable to me for the ministry.	
12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.	
13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest,	
bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.	
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord	
reward him according to his works:	
15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood	
our words.	
16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men	
forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.	
17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened	
me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all	
the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of	
the lion.	
18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will	
preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for	
ever and ever. Amen.	
19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.	_
20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at	
Miletum sick.	
21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth	
thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.	
22 The Lord Jesus Christ he with thy spirit. Grace he with you	

Amen.

Spurgeon's Notes

- 4:6—It is beautiful to observe the way Paul describes his death in this verse. According to our translation, he speaks of it as an *offering*. Now Paul does not venture to call himself an offering; Christ is his offering. Christ is, so to speak, the sacrifice on the altar. He compares himself only to that little wine and oil poured out as a supplement, not necessarily to its perfection but tolerated in performing a vow or allowed in connection with a freewill offering. Paul is resolved to show his thankfulness to Christ, the great sacrifice, and he is willing that his blood should be poured as a drink offering on the altar where his Lord and Master was the great burnt offering.
- 4:13—Paul had a few books left, perhaps wrapped up in the cloak, and Timothy was to be careful to bring them. Even an apostle must read. He is inspired, and yet he needs books. He had seen the Lord, and yet he needs books. The apostle says to Timothy, and so he says to every Christian leader, "Give yourself to reading." The person who never reads will never be read; the one who never quotes will never be quoted; those who will not use thoughts from the brains of others will prove that they have no brains of their own. What is true of ministry leaders is true for all Christians. We need to read. We must study as much as possible sound theological works and expositions of the Bible. We are persuaded that the best way to spend leisure time is to be either reading or praying. We may get much instruction from books that afterward we may use as a true weapon in our Lord and Master's service.