



Title | Bringing Good
Series | Standing Firm When Shaken
Text | 2 Thessalonians 2:5-9
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Sermon Notes

2 Thessalonians 2:5 Do you remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, *ESV*

Big Idea:

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:5-9. In this passage, Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit as the Restrainer of evil in the world until the Antichrist is revealed in the Tribulation. How does the Spirit restrain evil? What role do believers play in the restraint? (See Matthew 5:13-16 and Matthew 16:18.)

Tuesday:

Someone may say, "Christians have not had a positive influence on the world. The Crusades; the Inquisition; the suppression of indigenous cultures and religions by missionaries; the intolerance, bigotry, and hatred towards other religions and belief systems are just a few examples of Christian harmfulness." How would you respond?

Wednesday:

Read Romans 12:9-21. How can believers overcome evil? What specific things can you do today? In light of unrestrained evil and hell in the future, what is the greatest good that can be done for an unbeliever?

Thursday:

Can Christians go too far in trying to restrain evil in the world? If so, how far is too far? Who should our model(s) be?

Friday:

Bringing the life of Jesus to our world brings good. Specifically, how can you bring life today?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to bring the life of Jesus to my world. Use me to make the world a better place. Amen.

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