

Questions for Consideration—With the Master Holding Fast to the Truth—Lesson 23—2 Timothy 4:16-18—Paul's Defender, Deliverer and Doxology!

1(a) Read 2 Timothy 4:16-18. What are the difficult things Paul went through or will go through according to these verses? (b) What are the encouraging things he went through or will go through according to these verses? (c) How do these verses encourage you?

2. Memorize 2 Timothy 4:18

3(a) What similarities do you observe in Psalm 22 and 2 Timothy 4:16-18? (b) What have the Psalms meant to you during times of distress? (c) What has been your favorite Psalm during trouble and why?

4(a) What things are similar in Daniel chapter 6 and 2 Timothy 4:16-18? (b) Do you think Paul was delivered from a literal lion?

5. (a) What prompts Paul to break out in a doxology (praise to God) in 2 Timothy 4:18? (b) What prompted Paul to break out in a doxology in Romans 11:33-36; Romans 16:25-27; Galatians 1:3-5; Ephesians 3:20, 21; Philippians 4:18-20; 1 Timothy 1:15-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-15 and Hebrews 13:20, 21? (c) What prompts Peter to break out in a doxology in 1 Peter 5:10, 11 and 2 Peter 3: 17, 18? (d) What prompts Jude to break out in a doxology in Jude 1:24, 25? (e) What prompts YOU to break out in a doxology?

6.(a) Has there been a time in your life you felt forsaken by others? (b) What did you learn about yourself and about God during that time? (c) In what ways has God been your defender and deliverer?

7.(a) Read Psalm 27 which was written during a time of distress in David's life. What verses from this Psalm would you like to pray for either yourself or for another who is going through a distressing time? Please write it down to share with your group.