

“The Teachers of Error- Part 2”

2 Peter 2:4-22

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I. Introduction

- A. Peter, the Pastor (John 21), wanted not only to feed the sheep but also to protect the sheep from wolves.
 - 1. “The Teachers of Error- Their Description” (vv. 1-3).
 - a) Deception (v. 1)
 - b) Denial (v. 1)
 - c) Sensuality (v. 2)
 - d) Greed (v. 3)
 - 2. Peter is not finished with the false teachers. He has more to say.
 - a) Their condemnation (vv. 4-9)
 - b) Their character (vv. 10-16)
 - c) Their claims (vv. 17-22)

II. Their Condemnation (2 Peter 2:4-9)

- A. Peter gives three Old Testament illustrations to prove that God will judge false teachers.
 - 1. If God judged before, He can and will do it again
 - a) The angels that sinned (v. 4)
 - b) The old world (v. 5)
 - 1) 120 years (Genesis 6)
 - c) Sodom and Gomorrah (vv. 6-9)
 - 1) (Genesis 18 & 19)
 - 2) Angels (The Devil)
 - 3) Noah (The world)
 - 4) Sodom and Gomorrah (The flesh)

III. Their Character (2 Peter 2:10-16)

- A. The one chief character trait of these false teachers is “walk after the flesh” (v. 10).
 - 1. They are not spiritual; they do not have the Spirit. They follow their sinful, carnal nature.
 - 2. How is this manifested?
 - a) Their arrogance (vv. 10-11)
 - 1) Despise governments and despise authority
 - 2) “Dignities” or “angels”
 - b) Their brutishness (v. 12)

- c) Their debauchery (v. 13)
 - 1) “Luxury” or “softness”
 - 2) Sensual revealing at the expense of those who support them (v. 3)
 - 3) They don’t live the life of Jesus
 - 4) They live a sensual life of extravagance
- d) Their sensuality and greed (v. 14)
 - 1) “Eyes full of adultery” or “eyes full of adulterous women” (v. 14)
 - a. It means they view each woman they see as a potential adulteress
 - 2) They seduce unstable souls (v. 14)
 - a. “Beguiling” or “to catch with bait”
 - 3) They are “experts in greed” (v. 14)
 - 4) They are “cursed children” (v. 14)
- e) Their covetousness (vv. 15-16)
 - 1) “Not for money” (1 Peter 5:2)
 - 2) (Numbers 22)
 - 3) (Jude 11)
 - 4) Jesus said, “You can’t serve God and money.”

IV. Their Claims (2 Peter 2:17-22)

A. What is it that the false teachers promised?

- 1. “They promise them liberty” (v. 19)
 - a) “They themselves are servants of corruption.”
 - b) Only Jesus can set you free from sin, Satan, and self.

B. Why are their claims of freedom false?

- 1. Because of false promises (vv. 17-19)
 - a) Illustration- People come to church looking for God, only to be disappointed.
 - 1. Looking for the truth but given a lie
 - 2. Looking to be free from bondage, only to be brought into bondage
- 2. Because they are false professors (vv. 20-22)
 - a) They had moral reformation but not spiritual regeneration
 - b) They professed but did not possess a spiritual life

V. Conclusion

A. Are you a true Christian?

1. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, the life” (John 14:6)