

2 Peter 2:1-10 Condemned: False Prophets & Teachers Will Be Judged

Introduction:

1. There is Right and Wrong, True and False – Some things are so wrong, they are damnable
2. Ch. 1 Grow in Christian Faith, Assurance of Salvation
3. Ch. 2 Shifts to God's Judgment on False Teachers
4. God is powerful to condemn and rescue (**v 9**)

The Main Idea of 2 Peter 2:1-10

God keeps the ungodly under judgment and He rescues His own. False teachers and those who follow them will be condemned, the righteous will be redeemed.

False Teachers: Heresy In The Church (1-3, 10)

1. False Teaching has always had to be dealt with among the people of God – Old Testament to New Testament
2. What They Do?
 - a. They will arise from among the people of God
 - i. **See Mark 13:22, 1 Timothy 4:1**
 - ii. Might be sincere, but seriously wrong
 - b. Secretly bring in destructive heresies
 - i. Heresy = Fundamental Error on Fundamental Christian Truth
 - ii. Heresy is NOT Disagreement about Secondary Truth – Baptism, nature of Second Coming, etc.
 - iii. Truth is NOT Progressive – does not change!
 - c. Deny Christ – by Doctrine and Ethics/Lifestyle
 - i. Declare as true what the Lord has not declared
 - ii. Promote Sexual Immorality (**v 10**)
 - iii. Deny the Lordship of Christ as Freedom
 - iv. Licentiousness & Arrogance (**2 Pet 2:18**)
 - d. Greedy for Gain
 - i. Exploit with False Words = Make Merchandise out of You
 - ii. Fleece the Flock, rather than Shepherd
 - iii. Consumed with Money = Hirelings
 - iv. The Truth is Not For Sale!
3. Pastoral Responsibility: Guard the flock from falsehood
4. Church's Responsibility: Hold teachers accountable, Be sensible to watch own life and doctrine (**2 Tim 4:3-4**)
5. Give in to Greed/Sensuality = prep for False Teaching

6. Result of False Teaching: Blasphemy of God!
 - a. Opposite of **1 Peter 2:12**
 - b. Christians know there are Hypocrites in the Church
 - c. So does the World = There is a True Standard!!!

God's Sure Judgment On False Teachers (4-8, 9b-10)

1. God takes False teaching Seriously
 - a. OT: Capital Offense (**Deuteronomy 18:20**)
 - b. NT: Accursed (**Galatians 1:8-9**)
 - c. False Teacher Will Be Destroyed (**vv 1, 3, 12, 17**)
2. What God has Done in the Past He will Do in the Future
3. Three Examples of God's Judgment on the Wicked
 - a. Structure: Peter Walks through Genesis, if, if, if Then verse 9, Movement from Greatest to Least
 - b. Fallen Angels (**Genesis 6**): Sexual Immorality between Sons of God and Daughters of Men (**See Jude 6-7**)
 - c. The Whole World (**Genesis 6-9**): Constant Corruption = patience of God doesn't last forever
 - d. Two Cities: Sodom & Gommorah (**Genesis 18-19**): Sexual Depravity
4. If angels, the world, and two cities are judged, then False Teachers will be as well
 - a. God Keeps them Under Punishment
 - b. God is Not idle, He does not Slumber nor Sleep
 - c. False Teachers and those who Follow are Damned

God's Certain Rescue Of The Righteous (5b, 7-9a)

1. The Lord has Power to Rescue the Righteous From Trial
2. Two Examples of God's Redemption
 - a. Noah, A Herald of Righteousness – Only a minority was saved through his Message (Repent, Believe!)
 - b. Righteous Lot
 - i. Did not seem Righteous (Poor decisions, reluctant to flee, drunkard, sexual immorality)
 - ii. Had a disposition toward God!
 - iii. Abram's Discourse with God about Sodom & Gomorrah (if 50, 40, 30, 20, 10)... will not destroy the righteous with the Wicked
3. **6 Points of Application:** Know each other, Don't be discouraged, We are not immune to false teachers, This message is contemporary, Divine judgment is coming on the wicked, God has power to rescue the righteous