

# The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

## Bible Course

## Acts to Revelation

## Lesson 64

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Read II Peter 3*

In chapter 2, Peter again reminds and warns us of the coming of false teachers. Satan has two main heads.

The first head or tool he uses against the church is persecution (see I Peter). The second tool he uses is false prophets and teachers. There is nothing new in this world. He came to Eve with, "Hath God said...?" God told Jeremiah regarding the false prophets, "They prophesy lies in my name." Here in chapter 2, Peter paints a very stark picture of who these people are.

1. These false prophets are often ministers who claim to bring the Word of God, but like a wolf in sheep's clothing, bring in \_\_\_\_\_ heresies, even denying that the Lord bought them (they deny the redemptive work of Christ, remember, to redeem means "to buy back") and bring upon themselves \_\_\_\_\_ destruction.
2. Will these false prophets have many followers? Yes, many shall follow their pernicious \_\_\_\_\_. '*Pernicious*' means having a harmful effect in a subtle way. In this way the truth shall be spoken of in an \_\_\_\_\_ way. Peter strongly warns that these false teachers will sell your soul to the devil, "make \_\_\_\_\_ of you", but their \_\_\_\_\_ cometh soon...it is not like a slumbering (sleeping) man.

**False Teachers are often  
wolves in sheep's clothing.**



3. Next Peter gives many analogies of what these false teachers are like. The vivid, but awful descriptions include:

- a. They are like the \_\_\_\_\_ angels (the angels that sinned), cast down to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. They will be like the Old World, damned with a flood, but Noah a preacher of \_\_\_\_\_ found \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the Lord (Gen. 6:8)
- c. They will be like Sodom and Gomorrah,...turned to \_\_\_\_\_, being an example of those that should live \_\_\_\_\_. Yet, God delivered just \_\_\_\_\_, who vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds. 'Vex' means to make someone feel annoyed. If you have friends who bring you into places of sin, your conscience will speak, but will your soul be vexed? Only if there is a struggle within (old man v. new man). The Lord knows (as he did with Lot) how to deliver the godly out of \_\_\_\_\_ and to deliver the ungodly to \_\_\_\_\_ to be punished, especially those that walk after the \_\_\_\_\_ and despise \_\_\_\_\_.  
d. These false teachers are \_\_\_\_\_ (over-stepping his bounds), self-willed and not afraid to speak evil of dignities. 'Dignities' means worthy of honour.
- e. The angels will not bring a railing \_\_\_\_\_ against them, these brute \_\_\_\_\_ (false teachers) are to be taken and destroyed, because they speak evil of things they don't \_\_\_\_\_. They will receive the reward of \_\_\_\_\_ as they count it a pleasure to \_\_\_\_\_ in the daytime.
- f. False teachers are like spots, \_\_\_\_\_, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

- g. These false teachers have eyes full of \_\_\_\_\_ and they cannot cease from \_\_\_\_\_, beguiling \_\_\_\_\_ souls. '*Beguile*' means trick or deceitful.
  - h. False teachers are like Balaam the son of \_\_\_\_\_ who loved the wage of \_\_\_\_\_. Remember what these wages were. They were money from Balak to curse Israel. God used a donkey to rebuke the \_\_\_\_\_ of the (false) prophet.
  - i. These false prophets are like \_\_\_\_\_ without water, clouds carried away with a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - j. False Teachers speak great swelling words of \_\_\_\_\_ and allure through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh.
  - k. These false prophets promise \_\_\_\_\_, but they themselves are servants (slaves) of \_\_\_\_\_. If we are overcome by it, we are brought in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. After finishing his comparisons, Peter marks out some contrasts and relates a proverb about them.
- a. To escape the pollutions of the world is through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
  - b. When people get entangled in the world their \_\_\_\_\_ end is worse than the beginning.
  - c. It is better not to know the way of righteousness than after having known it to turn from the holy \_\_\_\_\_ delivered unto them.
  - d. These false teachers turn to sin again as a dog returns to his \_\_\_\_\_. Have you ever seen something so gross? They are like pigs, freshly washed who don't like their skin to dry out. As soon as they are washed they \_\_\_\_\_ in the mire.

Evaluator\_\_\_\_\_

## PURIFICATION

Lord Jesus,

I sin---

Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it,  
never be content with myself,  
never think I can reach a point of perfection.

Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self.

Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,  
To live for thee and not for self,  
To copy thy words, acts, spirit,  
To be transformed into thy likeness,

To be consecrated wholly to thee,

To live entirely to thy glory.

Deliver me from attachment to things unclean,  
from wrong associations,  
from the predominance of evil passions,  
from the sugar of sin as well as its gall,  
that with self-loathing, deep contrition,  
earnest heart searching  
I may come to thee, cast myself on thee,  
trust in thee, cry to thee,  
be delivered by thee.

O God, the Eternal All, help me to know

That all things are shadows, but thou art substance  
all things are quicksand, but thou art mountain,  
all things are shifting, but thou art anchor,  
all things are ignorance, but thou art wisdom.

If my life is to be a crucible amid burning heat, so be it,  
but do thou sit at the furnace mouth  
to watch the ore that nothing be lost.

If I sin willfully, grievously, tormentedly, in grace  
take away my mourning and give me music;  
remove my sackcloth and clothe me with beauty;  
still my sighs and fill my mouth with song,  
then give me summer weather as a Christian.