

Acts to Revelation

Bible Course

Lesson 64

Name: _____

Read 2 Peter 2

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 1 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, 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 _____ comes 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 are 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 are 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 their 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 to trick or deceive.*

- h. False teachers are like Balaam the son of _____ who loved the wages 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 _____

Prayer: 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.

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