

# 2 Peter 2: 1 - 22

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## Ch 1: 12-15 **C. The Great Things of the Believer's Life (continued)**

2. Use these virtues in your Christian Walk of Life to live a righteous life and with God's grace and mercy you may inherit eternal life.
3. Share these virtues with your brothers and sisters in Christ and those in the world.

## Ch 1: 16-21 **D. The Great Proof of Salvation**

The first proof of salvation – The Great eyewitness account of Christ's majesty and transfiguration.

The second proof of salvation – The account of prophecy and Scripture

Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

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**Ch 2: 1-22 E. The Warning against False Teachers**

The Description and Judgment of False Teachers.

The Character and conduct of False Teachers

1. What did Peter warn his readers that false prophets would attempt to do? ([2:1](#))

## 2 Peter 2:1

<sup>1</sup> But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be **false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

**False teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies,**

1. What did Peter warn his readers that false prophets would attempt to do? ([2:1](#))

## **A. False prophets also arose among the people**

**People** – refer to the OT people of God

### **Jeremiah 5:31**

<sup>31</sup> The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule on their *own* authority; And My people love it so! But what will you do at the end of it?

1. What did Peter warn his readers that false prophets would attempt to do? ([2:1](#))

## **B. Secretly introduce destructive heresies**

False teachers are never honest and they use divisive schemes to dupe believers

### **Destructive heresies**

False teachers substitute the truth with their own opinions

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## **C. Even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves**

False teachers are unwilling to accept Jesus' teachings and they deny the sovereign lordship of Jesus Christ.

### **Proverbs 19:3**

<sup>3</sup> The foolishness of man ruins his way, And his heart rages against the LORD.

2. What did Peter say would happen when people followed false prophets? ([2:2-3](#))

## 2 Peter 2:2-3

<sup>2</sup> Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

<sup>3</sup> and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

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**A. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;**

The false teachers' message of independence, personal freedom and self-exaltation is appealing to individuals because they would rather serve themselves than submit to Christ.

### **Matthew 7:21**

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*."

2. What did Peter say would happen when people followed false prophets? ([2:2-3](#))

B. False teachers' motivation is **greed** they will **exploit you with false words**

False teachers' claim to serve others. They are only interested in serving themselves, using **false words** to enrich their own pockets.

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## 2 Timothy 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless *and leads* to the ruin of the hearers.

<sup>15</sup> **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.**

<sup>16</sup> **But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,**

<sup>17</sup> **and their talk will spread like gangrene.** Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

<sup>18</sup> *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

3. What did God do to the angels who had sinned? Who did God protect? ([2:4-5](#))

## **2 Peter 2:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

<sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

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**B. ...preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others,**

# REBELLIOUS ANGELS (1 ENOCH, GENESIS 6)



3. What did God do to the angels who had sinned? Who did God protect? ([2:4-5](#))

## Genesis 6:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

<sup>2</sup> that the **sons of God** saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

<sup>4</sup> The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

3. What did God do to the angels who had sinned? Who did God protect? ([2:4-5](#))

**A.** Angels are intelligent, moral, and spiritual beings created by God who worship Him, honor Him and carry out His will.

### **Jude 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

### **Revelation 12:9**

<sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

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**B.** God saved Noah, his wife along with his sons and their wives – Gen. 6

While building the ark, Noah also labored as **a preacher of righteousness**, warning people of impending death and divine retribution and calling them to repent.

God wiped out the entire population living at the time of the flood.

4. What did God use as an example of what will happen to the ungodly? ([2:6](#))

## 2 Peter 2:6

<sup>6</sup> and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly *lives* thereafter;

**The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes**

4. What did God use as an example of what will happen to the ungodly? ([2:6](#))

God revealed the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham

The Lord was willing to spare the city if as few as ten righteous inhabitants could be found. But when even that minimum could not be met, the Lord destroyed the sinful people. Gen. 18: 20-33

## **Romans 1:18**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

5. What effect did living among immoral people have upon Lot? ([2:7-8](#))

## 2 Peter 2:7-8

<sup>7</sup> and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men  
<sup>8</sup> (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt his **righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds**),

**Lot, a righteous man, his soul was tormented daily by sin surrounded him**

5. What effect did living among immoral people have upon Lot? ([2:7-8](#))

God **rescued righteous Lot**, along with his two daughters. Gen.19

Lot was righteous in his heart

At times, Lot might have been materialistic and morally weak, but he did not want any part of the **sensual conduct** that characterized Sodom's **unprincipled** culture.

6. How did Peter say the Lord would deal with the godly and the unrighteous? ([2:9-10](#))

## 2 Peter 2:9-10

“<sup>9</sup> *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

<sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority,…”

6. How did Peter say the Lord would deal with the godly and the unrighteous? ([2:9-10](#))

## A. The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation

Believers have comfort in that God will save those who belong to Him.

Believers are called to trust in the wisdom and power of God.

### **Romans 8:28**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

6. How did Peter say the Lord would deal with the godly and the unrighteous? ([2:9-10](#))

## **B. Keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment**

The unrighteous will not escape God's judgment.

False teachers are dishonest, disrespectful and displeasing to God. They pursue their sensual fantasies and blaspheme God.

## 7. What kind of people are unafraid to slander celestial beings? (2:10-15)

### 2 Peter 2:10-15

<sup>10</sup> ...Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties,

<sup>11</sup> whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

<sup>13</sup> **suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong.** They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,

<sup>14</sup> having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;

<sup>15</sup> forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;"

## 7. What kind of people are unafraid to slander celestial beings? ([2:10-15](#))

### FALSE TEACHERS

1. They indulge the flesh
2. They despise authority
3. They are bold, proud and daring
4. They are self-seeking
5. They slander spiritual beings
6. They carouse around in pleasure: they do it openly, that is, along with the unbelievers of the world
7. They have eyes full of adultery
8. They seduce unstable souls
9. They are greedy
10. They have wandered off the right road

## 8. How did God rebuke Balaam? (2:15-16)

### 2 Peter 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup> forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

<sup>16</sup> but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

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## 8. How did God rebuke Balaam? (2:15-16)

### 3 John 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> I wrote something to the church; but **Diotrephes**, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say.

<sup>10</sup> For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire *to do so* and puts *them* out of the church.

9. What did Peter say was reserved for people who rebel against God? ([2:17](#))

## 2 Peter 2:17

<sup>17</sup> These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the **black darkness has been reserved.**

**Black darkness has been reserved**

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Springs without water and mists driven by a storm

## **John 7:37-38**

<sup>37</sup> Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

<sup>38</sup> "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

10. How did evil people of whom Peter wrote affect others? What did such sinful men promise? ([2:18-19](#))

## 2 Peter 2:18-19

<sup>18</sup> For speaking out arrogant *words* of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

<sup>19</sup> promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

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**A.** They entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality

False teachers do not care to share the truth. They target people's lusts – offering a carnal, feelings-oriented message that feeds the sensual instincts of its hearers.

## **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

<sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

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**B.** Those who barely escape from the ones who live in error

Believers must be consistent in studying God's Word and in following Christ. This is the believer's only hope to escape the doom that is to fall upon those who follow false teachers.

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**C.** Promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption

## **False teachers promise**

1. Liberty from moral law or moral constraints - SIN
2. Freedom from the final judgment – No accountability

## **Galatians 5:13**

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

11. How did Peter say a person could escape the corruption of the world? ([2:20](#))

## 2 Peter 2:20

<sup>20</sup> For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

**By the knowledge of the Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ**

11. How did Peter say a person could escape the corruption of the world? ([2:20](#))

## **By the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

1. The way of righteousness is Jesus Christ. He is the One who has made it possible for God to count us righteous and to accept us.

2. The holy commandment is the Word of God, that is, all the commandments of God.

12. In what way would it have been better for ungodly people to have never heard of God?  
Why? ([2:21-22](#))

## 2 Peter 2:21-22

<sup>21</sup> For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

<sup>22</sup> It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

12. In what way would it have been better for ungodly people to have never heard of God?  
Why? ([2:21](#))

False teachers are repulsive to God.

The illustration given is clear - to a dog that returns to its vomit and to a washed hog that returns to wallowing around in the foul, smelly mud.

The judgment of God will be severe and terrible for all false teachers.