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2 PETER 2:1-10a

LESSON: THE DESTRUCTION OF FALSE TEACHERS

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INTRODUCTION:

2 Peter 1:16-21 Simon Peter, the author is writing to strangers (both Jews and Gentiles) scattered throughout five Roman provinces. The Old Testament prophets said that the Messiah would come. They spoke about His power and His glory. Peter wants to prove to them that the Gospel of Salvation is true. Salvation is not a fable. It is the power and coming of Christ!

1. The first proof of Salvation: The great eyewitness account of Christ's majesty and transfiguration (**vv.16-18**).
 - a. The honor and glory of God (**v.17**).
 - b. The voice from heaven (**v.17**).
 - c. The testimony we've heard (**vv.17-18**).
2. The second proof of Salvation:
 - a. Scripture is more sure than an eyewitness account (**v.19**).
 - b. Scripture is to be heeded (**v.19**).
 - c. Scripture is not of private interpretation (**v.20**).
 - i. It is not given by man's will (**v.21**).
 - ii. It is given by the Holy Spirit (**v.21**).

19 In Peter's experience, he says, *we are even more certain about the message of Salvation that the prophets gave. They were right, so, concentrate on it. Salvation is like a lamp that shines in a dark place. It shines until the day begins. It shines until the morning star rises up in your spirits.* **20** First, he tells them *it's a must to understand this. No prophecy in the Scriptures ever came from the prophet's own mind.* **21** *Prophecy never comes from what a person thinks. Instead, the Holy Spirit gave the prophets the words of God's message of Salvation. Scriptures are like a light. They show people how to live in the right way.*

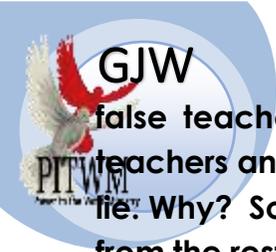
¹Peter wrote this letter for three reasons:

1. He wanted the people to be stronger Christians.
2. He wanted to warn them about false teachers. He also wanted to remind them about the true Christian beliefs.
3. He emphasized that Jesus Christ will return. Then God will judge wicked people. So, Christians must be ready for that day.

Peter had the authority to say these things. He had been with Jesus while he was alive in this world. If the world ever needed a warning, it needs to be warned against false teachers. Why? Because

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/2peter-lbw.htm>
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false teachers lead a person to doom himself quicker than any other single thing. False teachers and false prophets have always existed! Too many people are too quick to believe a lie. Why? So, they can go ahead and live like they want. They want some excuse to get away from the restraints and demands Jesus puts on them. Something else will sound better to them.

LESSON:

I. 2 PETER 2:1-3a

2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. Can you imagine that while God was giving His Word to men, there were some who were denying His Word, and teaching destructive heresies and misleading people. There were false prophets all throughout the Old Testament period. And it says there are false teachers are now among them. False teachers will fill every generation of man, and they will continue to secretly introduce their damnable (destructive) heresies (beliefs or self-chosen doctrines that are contrary to the truths of Christ), denying the Lord that brought them. The result will bring a swift destruction upon them! Therefore, test all teaching and preaching by the Word of God, for any divination destroys God's purpose for the church, and the lives of the people. They deny the Lord who brought them! Remember these people are in the church.

1. False teachers have always existed.
2. False teachers taught destructive heresies—denying the Lord who brought them.

2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. Many in the church were told what they wanted to hear— follow and enjoy themselves in their malicious, evil, and wicked ways. False teachers did not give them the truth, and because of them, the way of truth will be defamed; which will cause others to dishonor the truth; causing people to speak evil of God, Christ, church, believers, and the Scriptures.

3. False teachers misled people—by not telling them the truth.

2:3a And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you:— Many false teachers showed greed using insincere, artificial words, like they use to profit for their own ends. They coveted (sought-after; desired), recognition, popularity, a large church, great livelihood, position, money, and leadership.

4. False teachers greedily exploited people.

II. 2 PETER 2:3b-4

2:3b ...whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. God condemned the false teachers long ago, and their destruction will not be linger; will not be asleep, and will not be delayed. It's coming! God has a determined time!

2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;— The angels talked about here were the angels who were persuaded by Lucifer to rebel along with Lucifer against God. That host of angels followed him. And in this act of rebellion against God, God did not spare them, but cast them down into hell; the abyss, delivering them into the chains of a dark prison awaiting for the final judgement. God is not only Love, but He is also Just/ Judge! **The point is: If God**





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judged such glorious beings (Lucifer and the angels), how much more will He judge men.

III. 2 PETER 2:5

2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;— God judged the angels, but He also judged the old world because of sin. The old world was in a time when God told Noah to build an Ark, (it was going to rain—Gen.7:4), and him being a preacher of righteousness, he did what God told him to do for 120yrs. The Flood came and only eight people were saved (Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives), along with the animals God had selected, and everyone else died in the Flood as God brought judgment upon the world of the ungodly.

IV. 2 PETER 2:6-8

2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;— This verse continues to show God's judgment because of sin, when He destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha by fire into ashes. The cities were made a precedent to be followed to all who live ungodly lives:

1. The citizens were living filthy, immoral, and unjust lives.

2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:—

2. The sin and shame of the citizens were disturbing the heart of Lot.

He *"was oppressed with the filthy conduct of the wicked."* His soul was *"tormented; vexed with their filthy conversation..."* Everyone in the city was judged and destroyed except one man, Lot! **The point is:** If God judged and destroyed two great cities, and all the people in them, He will certainly judge and destroy a false teacher.

2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)— Lot was a righteous man living among evil people. Every day he saw and heard their wicked deeds, and his soul was vexed; tormented. This made him suffer in his soul. The reason Lot was saved was because he was righteous; believing God at the right time, in the right way. Being tormented daily with their unlawful deeds, he separated himself from the ungodly and the world, and obeyed God, and God accounted him righteous!

V. 2 PETER 2:9-10a

2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:— God knows how to deliver the godly from every obstacle, and through every difficulty, no matter how great the trial or temptation. And the Lord knows how to keep the evil people; the false teachers until the final judgement to punish them.

2:10a But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. This is especially true that the character of the false teacher show us **first** that they walk after the flesh in the desire of filthiness, not by reason or God's judgment. They ignore the Spirit and walk after the impure passions of their flesh. They teach their false doctrine for



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personal gain, and try to do away with the demands of God as much as they can. **Secondly**, they have a problem with the government for they despise (loathe) authority. They despise those whom God has set in authority over them; they don't want the restraints. They want to do their own thing, their own way. If they are let loose in the government, those in power will begin to create human laws that favor themselves—the rich and the powerful get what they want. We're seeing that occur now! They don't want any equality in the land. Man must have a law that controls and governs all men. Therefore, man must have a law that is above himself. God and His laws are necessary for mankind. This is the reason the Lord Jesus Christ who reveals and fulfills the law perfectly must be proclaimed! The only hope for man is for man to deny himself, and give all he is, and has, to meet the desperate needs of all the people, and not of just a few. Don't be apart of selfish gain.

SUMMARY:

Peter's message began telling the people that **1** there were false prophets among them, and even false teachers among them, who secretly bring destructive heresies (beliefs or self-chosen doctrines that are contrary to the truths of Christ), denying the Lord that bought them, and the result will bring a swift destruction upon them. **2** And many will be followers of their malicious ways, and because of them the way of truth will be defamed; which will cause others to dishonor the truth. **3a** Many false teachers showed greed using insincere, artificial words, like they use to profit for their own ends.

3b But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not slumber; be asleep; will not be delayed. **4** For if God did not spare the angels that sinned, but cast them down into hell; the abyss, delivering them into the chains of a dark prison awaiting for the reserved and final judgement, what about false teachers?

5 And during Noah's time, God did not have pity on the ungodly people of the world who sinned and would not turn to Him. He destroyed them with a flood, though He did save seven others and the eighth, including Noah, who preached the truth.

6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and then made them a precedent to be followed of what is going to happen to the ungodly, and what about the false teachers? **7** And if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless, **8** for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard, and what about the false teachers?

9 Well, God knows how to deliver the godly from every obstacle, and through every difficulty, no matter how great the trial or temptation. The Lord knows how to keep the evil people; the false teachers until the final judgement to punish them. **10a** The character of the false teachers show us that they walk after the flesh in the desire of filthiness, and they have a problem with the government, for they despise (loathe) authority.