



The Epistles of Peter
2 Peter 2:3-10—Judgment Part 1
From Sermon 5.3.26

Read *2 Peter 2:3-10*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: With the chapter opening with Peter's exposure of the false teacher's motives, God the Holy Spirit now has him address the severity and gravity of their sin. It couldn't be worse. Being a false teacher—knowingly misrepresenting God—is the greatest sin. More than just stating this reality, Peter draws historic, biblical comparisons to the worst-of-the-worst in the Bible. The eternal state of the hearer is at stake in this. False teachers and their followers are, in effect, mocking God.

1. How much attention does the modern church give to the holy, righteous wrath of God? Almost none. They routinely bring God down to a human level and raise man up to being basically good. Even if they "believe" in a holy God of judgment, they avoid preaching it to maintain a large audience of givers.

See also *2 Peter 3:1-6*

1a. Instead, how do they portray Him? As a human definition of love that overrides any trait of anger, punishment, damnation, or wrath. Hell is only for a handful of history's worst people.

[Even though Jesus Himself said the vast majority of people are headed to Hell]

2. Back to the text: What three groups does God the Holy Spirit have Peter equate with all false teachers?

- Fallen Angels (two groups. Initial group that joined Satan. Second group that violated their domain)
- The World of Noah's Day
- Sodom and Gomorrah

[Jude adds the rebellious generation in the Wilderness that was forbidden from entering the Promise Land and that all died in the desert]

3. What were the sins of each of those groups?

Satan/Fallen Angels—see *Ezekiel 28:12-17*: _____

World of Noah's Day—see *Genesis 6:5-6*: _____

Sodom and Gomorrah—see *Genesis 19:1-7*: _____

4. What does that tell you about God's view of false teachers? They are an abomination to Him. God's sends warning after warning to both the false teachers and to those who would subscribe to them.

5. How do you think most modern false teachers view themselves? Updated, hip, progressive servants of God. As life coaches and those who hold the secret knowledge, equal to Scripture and Apostles. Or, fully knowing they are effective scammers.

6. Is God just going to give false teachers a free pass, since they were working "in Jesus Name"?

See also *Matthew 7:15-23*. No. In fact, they'll receive stricter judgment because the misrepresented God.

7. Is God faithful in His promises of deliverance? Absolutely. Peter even points that out here.

7a. Is God faithful in His promises of judgment? Yes. every time. The future will be no different.