



The Epistles of Peter
2 Peter 2:10-16
From Sermon 5.24.26

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Overview from Sunday's sermon: Having seen the astounding, direct parallel between Peter's epistles and that of Jude, we return to the key text to get some of the final traits and fates of false teachers. Although written in the 1st Century, Peter's admonition sounds like it was written to the church of our day. We are wise and discerning to identify the false teacher epidemic, call them out, and avoid their errors. Unity can never trump Scriptural faithfulness.

1. Besides bad doctrine and false promises, what enormously dangerous practice do these false teachers engage in? Unbiblical spiritual warfare. Inviting what they think they are rebuking. See 1 Timothy 4:1

2. In what ways are we never instructed or permitted to engage the spiritual realm? Never to converse with, consult, rebuke, binding, exorcising, requesting anything from them.

2a. Is this regarding interacting with angels or demons? Yes. See also *Jude 8-10*.

3. Instead, what are our authorized biblical tools for spiritual warfare?

- Matthew 4:4—Quoting Scripture
- Matthew 17:19-21—Prayer and Fasting.
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-9—Prayer, Faith, & Peace
- James 4:7—Resist & Stand Strong
- Ephesians 6:11—Faith, Righteous Life, Ready to Share, Genuine Salvation, the Word.

4. Re-read verses 13 & 14. Discuss the boldness of modern false teachers in their boldness to teach false doctrine in the biggest stages. Also discuss the "unstable souls" they prey on. Various Answers

5. Who would you consider some of the worst false teachers in history? In our modern church culture? _____

[Note: Due to the striking similarities to today's charismatic movement, it's easy to just focus on them and their false teaching. But what other groups are also equally guilty in their own ways? R.C., Liberal Theology, Cults, Pseudo-Christian Groups, Seeker Movements that Ignore the Whole of Scripture.]

6. What makes some easy to identify while others are far more covert? Direct animosity toward Bible. New Words/books from God vs using churchy/bible language, connection to "legit" ministries.

6a. Balaam is used as an equivalent to all future false teachers. What were Balaam's sins and schemes and how do they parallel today's false teachers?

- Sold Prophecies/Curses for Money: _____
- Materialistic: _____
- Cause Corruption from the Inside-Out: _____
- Led in Compromise: _____