

SIMON PETER

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Part 9

2 PETER

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2 Peter 2:1-4 AMPC

1 But also [in those days] there arose false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among yourselves, who will subtly and stealthily introduce heretical doctrines (destructive heresies), even denying and disowning the Master Who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their immoral ways and lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned and defamed.

3 And in their covetousness (lust, greed) they will exploit you with false (cunning) arguments. From of old the sentence [of condemnation] for them has not been idle; their destruction (eternal misery) has not been asleep.

4 For God did not [even] spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment and their doom.

2 Peter 2:5 KJV

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;

2 Peter 2:5 AMPC

5 And He spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven other persons, when He brought a flood upon the world of ungodly [people].

“Spared not the old world”: The second illustration serving as a precedent for God’s future judgment on false teachers is the judgment on the ancient world through the world-wide flood (Genesis chapters 6 – 8). The human race was reduced to 8 people by that judgment (1 Peter 3:20).

1 Peter 3:20 AMPC

20 [The souls of those] who long before in the days of Noah had been disobedient, when God’s patience waited during the building of the ark in which a few [people], actually eight in number, were saved through water.

2 Peter 3:9 AMPC

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people’s conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

“A preacher of righteousness”: (Genesis 6:9; 7:1)

Genesis 6:9 AMPC

9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.

Genesis 7:1 AMPC

7 And the Lord said to Noah, Come with all your household into the ark, for I have seen you to be righteous (upright and in right standing) before Me in this generation.

His life spoke of righteousness as he called people to repent and avoid the flood judgment. Noah preached nearly 100 years and had no converts.

The sin was so bad at the time, That God destroyed the world's people with the flood, it is said God was sorry He had ever made man.

Genesis 6:6 AMPC

6 And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart.

2 Peter 2:6 KJV

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;

2 Peter 2:6 AMPC

6 And He condemned to ruin and extinction the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, reducing them to ashes [and thus] set them forth as an example to those who would be ungodly;

“Sodom and Gomorrha”: The third precedent for a future divine judgment on the wicked is the total destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the other lesser surrounding cities (Gen. 13; 18:16-33; 19:1-38; Deut. 29:23). This judgment destroyed every person in the area by incineration.

“Making them an example”: That is, a model, or a pattern. God sent an unmistakable message to all future generations that wickedness results in judgment. We see again from this, God will not always strive with man. He is patient and kind and forgiving, but He will judge us when He says enough.

The judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah came because there were not even 10 righteous people within the city. God rained down fire and brimstone on the city, because they were homosexuals and lesbians. This is an abomination to God... “abomination” means revolting sin.

We can look at the destruction of these cities and know what God will do to us, if our nation does not deal with this problem. We must repent and turn to God, before He says enough.

2 Peter 2:7 KJV

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

2 Peter 2:7 AMPC

7 And He rescued righteous Lot, greatly worn out and distressed by the wanton ways of the ungodly and lawless

Lot's wife would have been saved, but she looked back at the city and her way of life/friends fondly and turned to a pillar of salt. These filthy people had even asked to have the 2 male angels so they could rape them...these were evil people.

2 Peter 2:8 KJV

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

2 Peter 2:8 AMPC

8 For that just man, living [there] among them, tortured his righteous soul every day with what he saw and heard of [their] unlawful and wicked deeds—

When God sends destruction on the ungodly, He commands deliverance for the righteous. In bad company, we cannot but get either guilt or grief... let the sins of others be troubles to us.

Yet, it is possible for the followers of Jesus Christ living among the most profane, for them to retain their integrity. There being more power in the grace of Christ, and his dwelling in them, than in the temptations of Satan, or the example of the wicked, with all the temptation.

2 Peter 2:9 KJV

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:

2 Peter 2:9 AMPC

9 Now if [all these things are true, then be sure] the Lord knows how to rescue the godly out of temptations and trials, and how to keep the ungodly under chastisement until the day of judgment and doom,

“Deliver the godly out of temptations”: The Greek word translated “temptations” implies an attack with intent to destroy, but from which God can deliver the godly before judgment falls on the wicked.

This kind of deliverance will occur prior to the Tribulation, when the Church will be kept “from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth” (Rev. 3:10).

Revelation 3:10 AMPC

*10 Because you have guarded and kept My word of patient endurance [have held fast the lesson of My patience with the expectant endurance that I give you], I also will keep you [safe] from the hour of trial (testing) **which is coming on the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth.***

Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying *that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

There is no better example to prove this point, than the fact that God saved Noah in the midst of the flood.

Knoweth: means continues to know... this statement, then, is not just for their age, but ours, as well. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ protects us from the enemy, even today. Jesus is the Judge of all the people of the world and He is the Word.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

Malachi 3:6 AMPC

6 For I am the Lord, I do not change;

Hebrews 13:8 AMPC

8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).

Psalms 102:25-27 AMPC

25 At the beginning You existed and laid the foundations of the earth; the heavens are the work of Your hands.

26 They shall perish, but You shall remain and endure; yes, all of them shall wear out and become old like a garment. Like clothing You shall change them, and they shall be changed and pass away.

*27 **But You remain the same,** and Your years shall have no end.*

“To reserve the unjust”: The wicked are kept like prisoners awaiting the sentencing that will send them to their eternal prison (verse 4). The final judgment on the wicked is called the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15), where all the ungodly of all the ages will be raised, judged finally, and cast into the lake of fire.

It is Jesus who will give the sentence of either heaven or hell at the rapture... when we are delivered from the temptation to sin. Jesus is the Judge, but He is also the Deliverer.

In these next few verses false teachers are polemically described as “cursed children,” literally, “children of a curse”; “wells without water”, unable to satisfy the spiritual thirst of men; and “clouds” that are blown about by every wind of doctrine (see Jude 12).

2 Peter 2:10 KJV

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

2 Peter 2:10 AMPC

10 And particularly those who walk after the flesh and indulge in the lust of polluting passion and scorn and despise authority. Presumptuous [and] daring [self-willed and self-loving creatures]! They scoff at and revile dignitaries (glorious ones) without trembling,

“Walk after the flesh”: Like the wicked of Noah’s and Lot’s time, the false teachers of Peter’s era were slaves to the corrupt desires of the flesh. This is speaking of the punishment coming on those who are controlled by their flesh and its lust.

We have discussed in these lessons before, that the person who is in authority (whether in government or in the church), are there because God placed them there for a purpose.

“Despise government” is translated from the word **“Authority”** comes from the same Greek word as “lord” (1:2).

The false teachers identified with Christ outwardly. But they would not and will not live under His lordship. The two major characteristics of false teachers are emphasized in this verse:

1. Lust; and
2. Arrogance.

Presumptuous ... self-willed: Presumptuous meaning “Daring”, is to be brazen, audacious and defiant. “Self-willed is to be obstinate, determined in one’s own way.

Jude 4 AMPC

4 For certain men have crept in stealthily [gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

*8 Nevertheless in like manner, these dreamers also corrupt the body, scorn and **reject authority and government** and revile and libel and scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).*

Isaiah 56:10-12 AMPC

10 [Israel's] watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, they love to slumber.

*11 Yes, the dogs are greedy; they never have enough. And such are the shepherds who cannot understand; **they have all turned to their own way, each one to his own gain, from every quarter [one and all].***

12 Come, say they, We will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink! And tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.



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