

False Teachers Described

II Peter 2:10-14

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Everything we learn about false teachers applies to falsehood. This descriptive warning about false teachers and falsehood in general, while living in a culture permeated with falsehood, will drive us to want to know Him.

1. A. Read the context of the above verses, II Peter 2:9-19. As you read, remember Peter's theme for this book, knowing God (II Peter 1:2-3, 3:18). From this text, what characterizes false teachers?
 - B. What happens when you hang out with (what you read, what you watch, what you listen to, what you fill yourself with) falsehood?
 - C. Take a moment and contemplate our culture and this description of false teachers. Do you understand the importance of this warning?

2. A. When you read the context, you started with verse 9. Read a little more context, verses 4-9. What does it say about judgment?
 - B. We have access to the end of THE Book, so to speak. What does it say about judgment?
Revelation 17:1-2, 8, 18:3, 8-10, 16-17a, 19:1-2, 20-21

3. A. What specifically is judged in II Peter 2:10?
 - B. Sensuous rebellion: when we indulge ourselves and despise authority, whom are we ultimately despising?
Matthew 28:18

C. Who are we by nature and what is the solution?

John 17:17, I Peter 3:15

4. A. Let us get right to the point: this text characterizes sensuous rebellion as arrogance, ignorance, immorality and greed.

How is arrogance described in verses 10-11? In what ways do you see this in our culture? What should our attitude be?

Romans 6:1-2, Jude 8-9

Ignorance: one mark of false teacher is that they are quick to spout off when they do not know anything. Pray for discernment in your life.

II Peter 2:12, Proverbs 1:1-2, Hebrews 5:14

Immorality: our culture has gone along quite a while now believing we are just another species. What has this line of thought caused in our culture?

What language is used in our text for immorality?

II Peter 2:12-14, Jeremiah 6:15, 8:12

(Note: does lust satisfy? See II Peter 2:17. What does lust promise? See II Peter 2:19)

Greed: false teacher are experts at raising money. What is our culture obsessed with?

II Peter 2:14b, Luke 12:16-21, 16:13

- B. How should chapter 2 of II Peter motivate us? What is God's way of liberating us?

John 8:31-32, 14:6, 16-17, 15:26, 16:7, 13, 17:17

- C. How much time are you logging in the truth?

Psalm 119:18, Philippians 4:8, II Peter 3:1-2