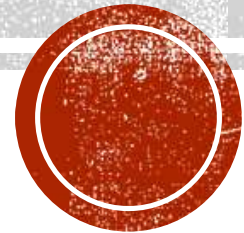


DESTRUCTORS

**DESTROYED: RIGHTEOUS
REDEEMED**

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INTRODUCTION

- God Rescues and redeems the righteous, while He holds the ungodly for the punishment on the day of the judgment.
- All prophecy originated with God (2 Pet 1:20-21) God worked with humans to give His word
- Godly prophets were used by God .They spoke the inspired word of God, but False and Teachers (Same time evil was at work) used their own imaginations and told people what they wanted to hear. Elijah had to contend with prophets of Baal. We have several warnings and examples in the OT and the NT(Duet 13:1-5, 1 King 18:19.
- In 2 Peter 2, teaches that False Teachers, who had infiltrated the Christian community and church and threatened to turn away the young believers from truth (Jude 4-16). Peter teaches us about the evil character of these false teachers , their motives, dangers of their teaching and certainty of their punishment/judgment.
- I have divided the chapter in two messages , Part one (vs 1-9) and Part 2 (vs 10-22)
- For today's message, we have selected first nine verses (2 Peter 2: 1-9). in this passage
 - In these verses Peter: Describes the existence of False Teachers , 2. Describes the judgment/Destruction of False teachers, 3. Redemption/ Deliverance of the godly.
- Lesson learned : **God know how to rescue and protect the godly**



DESCRIPTION OF FALSE TEACHERS V1-2

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. ³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

- 1. Teachers,
- 2. False,
- 3. Among You,
- 4. Secretly.
- 5. Introduce- alternative views, destructive Heresies,
- 6. Deny the Sovereign Lord, Who Bought them.
- 7. They bring swift destruction on themselves.
- 8. Many followers
- 3. Greed reed the exploit, with fabricated stories



FALSE TEACHERS V1-3

- Insiders-They were part to the church
- Introduced- Dangerous heresies
- Denied the Lord who bought them
- Destined for destruction



FALSE TEACHERS, CONT'D

Inside the church:

- They act like they are part to the church, **but they are children of Satan.**
- They were counterfeit Christians– great imitators (2 Cor:11:13-15, Gen 3:1-7).
- False Christians preaching false gospel.

Introduced Dangerous heresies:

- These false Teachers had **Destructive message**: Heresy- a choice, a sect or a party, alternate approach (Gal 5:20)- cause divisions in church.
- Secretly introduced their ideas - **attach to the truth**. Then slowly threw away the truth and leave their false ideas in place. They are secretive.
- True believers have nothing to hide (2 Cor 4:2)
- Use feigned words (plastos, plastic)- use right words but different meanings – salvation , inspiration
- They do not attend church to enlighten **but to deceive- follow Satan** (Gen 3:1-6).



DANGEROUS HERESIES

- They **deliberately do** what they do.
- **They deny Truth:** *Deny inspiration of the Bible, sinfulness of man, sacrificial death of Christ on the cross, salvation by faith alone, reality of eternal judgment.*
- **Deny deity of Christ-** *if we do not believe who Christ is we do not have Christianity*
- **False Teachers are not saved** (2 Pet 2:22: *They do not have the Spirit of God* (Romans 8:9)- *they may pretend for a while but will eventually deny Christ.*

Jesus is our savior – to deny Him is to condemn self.



DESTRUCTOR DESTROYED: RIGHTEOUS REDEEMED

Sensual (v2)

- They turned grace of God into **lasciviousness** (Jude 4). They wanted to satisfy their lustful desires (Jer 23: 14, 32).
- May have many followers at present, but will be rejected on the last day (Matt 7:21)
- They profess they know God but deny Him by their works – they are **disobedient**.

Greed (v3)

- Interested only in one thing- make **money**.
- **Exploit** simple , unstable , young , people (1Thes 2:5)- not Christ like (Micah 3:11)
- These are **immoral**, love money and proud people. They are arrogant use big flattering words.
- **True ministers will have nothing to hide (2 Cor 4:2)**



FALSE TEACHERS WILL BE DESTROYED V3-6

- They **have forsaken the right way** (2 Pet 2:15)
- **Their judgment is for sure to come.** Three examples to verify:
- **The Fallen Angels(V4):**
 - Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-15)
 - Satan is free (1 Peter 5:8)
 - Demons assist Satan (Eph 6:10)
 - Some fallen Angels confined to hell (Tartarus – Greek)
- **God judges the the rebellion !!- Angels , Man.....**



FALSE TEACHERS WILL BE DESTROYED V3-6

- **The Old World (v5):**
- God waited 120 years to send **flood** (Gen 6:3), while **Noah ministered** God's righteousness. Generation was **corrupt** and **did not heed the message** (Luke 17: 26-27).
- Same thing in Peter's day (2 Peter 3:3)- they were saying **Lord's day will not come**. They were filled with **wickedness** as well, multiplying of **population, violence** (Gen 6:5)
- **Sodom and Gomorrah (v 6, 9)**
- **Wicked ungodly** people(Jude 7, Gen 13:13, Gen 18-19)
- **Filthy unlawful** behavior (2 Peter 2: 7-8), (Levi 18:22, Rom 1:24-27, I Cor 6:9)
- **Fire fell when people were confident** that everything was ok (Luke 17:28-29).



GOD WILL JUDGE THE UNGODLY

2 PETER 2:9

- **God has reserved the unjust for the punishment on the day of judgment. These false teachers may seem to be successful, but they will be condemned.**
- **Judgment is being prepared now (2 Pet 2:3) and will be applied on last day .**



TRUE CHILDREN OF GOD

- We have **inheritance reserved** for us (1 Peter 1:4)
- Jesus is preparing **home** for us (John 14:6)
- We are not looking for judgment, but our Lord will come and take us **home to Glory!**
- We are not appointed for wrath, but **salvation** by Christ(1 Thes 5:9)



TRUE BELIEVERS WILL RECEIVE DELIVERANCE V5-9

■ Noah (5)

- He remained faithful, proclaimed word of God 120 years, even though they did not believe. God protected him and his family, They remained pure in midst of corruption. God delivered them from judgment. They were secure in ark. (1 Peter 3: 20-22)
- We have also escaped the corruption that is in the world (2 Peter 1:4)
- Jesus had prayed for us (John 17:15)
- we are delivered from coming wrath (1 Thes 1:10)

■ Lot(v 6-9)

- Lot was rescued. God enabled him and his family to remain unpolluted in that wicked place. He was rescued because he was a believer, and Abraham had prayed for him



CONCLUSIONS

- Our present days are just like of Noah and like Lot.
- Many have not separated themselves and compromising with the world.
- Church has weak testimony
- Let us stay prepared for his return (Luke 17:26-37)
- God delivers godly and reserves ungodly for punishment on judgment
- Stay alert and faithful to the Lord.
- Know the word of God, grow in his graces
- Watch out for the false teachers .
- Live a life of purity

