



The Corruption of False Teachers

Part Two: "Their Iniquity" 2 Peter 2:11-16

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

The Identity of False Teachers:

God punished the False Prophets and Teachers • Fallen Angels • Pre-flood World
The Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah • The Wicked Prophet Balaam

The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to eternally punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions. – A. W. Tozer

TODAY'S STUDY SECTION

The Iniquity of False Teachers

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 2:9, NASB95 – ⁹ ...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

- God's compassion will lead to the rescue of all believers.
- God's judgment will lead to the punishment of all unbelievers.

^{10a} and especially those who indulge [lit., travel in a continual manner, ie., a lifestyle] the flesh [rf., not physical body; Gk: σάρξ (sar-ax) refers to "The seat of sin and rebellion against God" (WWS)] in its corrupt [your "flesh" is fallen, corrupt, evil] desires and despise authority [this word is typically translated as "Lordship"].

- They pursue the perverted pleasures of the flesh.
- They resist the righteous rule of God.

^{10b} Daring, self-willed [♪ "I did it my way" means they live to please only themselves], they do not tremble [lit., to tremble in awe] when they revile [Gk. word for blaspheme] angelic majesties, ¹¹ whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord. [Jude 9, NIV84 -⁹ But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (cf., Rev. 11.3ff)] ¹² But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge [they think they get it but they don't!] will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, ¹³ suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime [ie., they openly flaunt their sin]. They are stains and blemishes [eg., they are lepers], reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you, ¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed [lit., liable; they are liable for their actions; they will be punished] children;...

- What they do stems from who they are.
(ie., shameless, polluted, lustful, deceptive, greedy)
- What they do leads to where they end up.
(ie., they are not "blessed," they are *accursed*)

¹⁵ forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam [a backslidden, Gentile priest of God], the son of Beor, who loved the wages [lit., the money he earned] of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet. [cf., Numbers 22]

It was a horrible judgment of God, that the angel revealed himself to an ass sooner than to the prophet (Balaam)." - John Calvin

- When a Christian (or any person, for that matter) makes up his/her mind to go "astray," God will put something in their way.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

"The Freedom that in reality is Bondage."

The promise of *freedom* that sin offers is in error because it assumes:

- A. There is no final judgement. (Revelation 20:12)
- B. There is no ultimate authority. (Isaiah 45:18)
- C. There is no final accounting. (John 5:29)
- D. We're free to pursue our own desire. (James 1:15)

Here's The
POINT

The freedom to "be me" doesn't work.
The freedom to be His does!