

The Epistle of 2 Peter

- ▶ This letter is written to teach Christians that we must grow in order to make our calling and election sure. This will guard against false teaching that is so prevalent.

Review Questions

- ▶ Where will false teachers be?
- ▶ What do they bring in, and how?
- ▶ Will they get their just reward?
- ▶ Can angels sin?
- ▶ Will angels be judged?
- ▶ What two examples are given of God condemning the unrighteous and saving the righteous?
- ▶ What do those examples prove?

2:10b-13 The false teachers are arrogant and ungodly

“Reckless, self-centered, they speak abusively of angelic majesties without trembling,

{11} whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a demeaning judgment against them before the Lord.

{12} But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, using abusive speech where they have no knowledge, 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. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions as they feast with you, “

2:14-16 The false teachers are like Baalam

“having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin,
enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in greed,
accursed children;

{15} abandoning the right way, they have gone astray,
having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who
loved the reward of unrighteousness;

{16} but he received a rebuke for his own offense, for a mute
donkey, speaking with a human voice, restrained the
insanity of the prophet.”

2:17-19 The false teachers are empty and aimless

“These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm,
for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

{18} For, while speaking out arrogant words of no value they
entice by fleshly desires, by indecent behavior, those who
barely escape from the ones who live in error,

{19} promising them freedom while they themselves are
slaves of corruption; for by what anyone is overcome, by this
he is enslaved.”

2:20-22 Their latter end is worse than the beginning

“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

{21} For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

{22} It has happened to them according to the true proverb, ‘A dog returns to its own vomit,’ and, ‘A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.’”