

## Warning concerning false teachers (Jude & 2Peter)

### Jude and Peter provide information to warn us against false teachers –

- Jude 3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. 4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are **GODLESS MEN**, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.
- 2 Peter 2:2-3 - 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 shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 **IN THEIR GREED** these teachers will exploit you with **STORIES THEY HAVE MADE UP**. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.
  - **Godless men**
  - **Change Grace to a license to sin**
  - **Deny Christ**
  - **Present dangerous doctrine**
  - **Make up stories with the purpose of Greed**

### Warning to those who are offered Christ but choose not believe are in extreme danger –

- Jude 5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home — these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7 **IN A SIMILAR WAY**, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.
- 2 Peter 2:4-9 - 4 For if **God did not spare angels when they sinned**, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE UNGODLY; 7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) — 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.
  - **When we are delivered, we are required to stay the course or else**
  - **The disobedient spirits and people of old are our examples (Be Warned!!!)**
  - **God knows how to rescue and how to punish**

### False teachers Characteristics –

- Jude 8 In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. 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!**" 10 Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals — these are the very things that destroy them.
- 2 Peter 2:10-12- 10 This is especially true of those who follow the **corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority**. **Bold and arrogant**, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; 11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. 12 But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.
  - **Contaminate themselves**
  - **Reject authority**
  - **Speak Dangerously about the spiritual realm**
  - **Dangerously speak on things they really don't understand.**
  - **Bold and arrogant**

**\*tolmetes** (tol-may-tace'); a daring (overconfident) man: (arrogant). **\*authades** (ow-thad'-ace); self-pleasing, i.e. arrogant: (self-willed). - **\*doxa** (dox'-ah); glory (as very apparent), (dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship).

### What false teachers are & what's in store for them –

#### False teachers follow the path of past evils –

- Jude 11-16 **WOE TO THEM!** They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. Jude 12 **These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm** — shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted — twice dead. 13 They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever. →

→4 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." 16 **These men are grumblers and faultfinders**; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

- 2 Peter 2:13-17- 13 They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. 14 With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed — an accursed brood! 15 **They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness**. 16 But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey — a beast without speech — who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness. 17 These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. **BLACKEST DARKNESS IS RESERVED FOR THEM.**

**Cain** (Gen 4:2-12 ) (1 John 3:12)

**Balaam** (Num 22-24), (2 Peter 2:15-16)

**Korah** – (Num 16)

- Irreverent
- Shepherds who feed only themselves
- Grumblers and faultfinders
- Follow their own desires
- Boast about themselves
- Flatter others for their own advantage
- Experts in greed
- ✓ **They will be paid back**
- ✓ **They left the right way**
- ✓ **Though all of Hell is horrible, the worst of it is reserved for them**

- **What they do and who they target** - 2 Peter 2:18-22- 18 For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. 19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity — for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. 20 **If they HAVE ESCAPED the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. 21 It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.** 22 Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

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\* 2 Tim 3:6-9 - 6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth — men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. 9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

- **Christ warned us about these teachers** – Jude 17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our **Lord Jesus Christ foretold**. 18 They said to you, "**In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.**" 19 These are the men who divide you, who follow mere NATURAL INSTINCTS and do not have the Spirit.

**Scoffers** - empaiktes (emp-aheek-tace'); a derider, i.e. (by implication) a false teacher: (mockers, scoffers).

- **What do we need to do while surrounded by false teachers** -Jude 20 **But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit**. 21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. 22 Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear-hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

**Self-protection**

- **build yourselves up** in your most **HOLY FAITH**
- Pray in the Holy Spirit
- Keep yourselves in God's love

**Looking out for others**

- Be merciful to those who doubt
- snatch others from the fire and save them
- to others **show mercy**, mixed with fear-hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh

- **All the Glory to God the only power that can protect us** -Jude 24 **TO HIM** who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

**When it comes down to it, we must TEST**

**Test the spirit where they deliver the messages** - 1 John 4:1-3 - Dear friends, **DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT**, but **TEST THE SPIRITS** **TO** see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 **This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God**: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

Test everything - 1 Thess 5:21-22 - 21 **TEST EVERYTHING**. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil.