

2 Peter

Sermon Notes – June 30, 2019 [#09] *The Danger of Seeing & Rejecting Jesus* 2 Peter 2:1–22 (Pt. 4)

Children's Sermon: The God of the Bible

What is the Bible?

Who wrote the Bible?

What is the Bible about? (God, Man, Jesus Response)



Matthew 24:11–13

And many *false prophets* will arise and lead many astray.

¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

¹³ *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

What is the relationship between lawlessness & love?

What is the Big Deal about False Teaching?

Notes:

Today's Biblical Bullet...

Take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. (3:17)



I. Entrenched in Greed, Cursed Children (Review)

¹⁴ They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin.

They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! (Children of a curse.)

¹⁵ Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray.

They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing...

II. Entrenched in the Way of Destruction

A. Entrenched in Judgment 

¹⁷ These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. (Useless? Judgment)

For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. (Cf. v.4)

Jude 12–13

¹² These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; ¹³ wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom *the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved* forever.

B. Entrenched in Folly

¹⁸ **For**, speaking loud boasts of folly, **they entice** by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. (Cf. little ones – Matthew 18:6-7)

¹⁹ **They promise them freedom**, but they themselves are slaves of corruption.

For whatever **overcomes** a person, to that **he is enslaved**.

C. Entrenched in Apostasy (Anti-Repentance)

²⁰ **For** if, after they have **escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**, they are **again entangled in them and overcome**,

the last state **has become** worse for them than the first.

²¹ **For it would have been** better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing *it* to turn back **from the holy commandment delivered to them**. (Cf. 3:2)

1) What does it mean that these had “escaped?”

2 Peter 1:4, 9

⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having **escaped from the corruption that is in the world** because of **sinful desire**. ... [supplement your faith with virtue] For whoever **lacks these qualities** is so nearsighted that he is blind, having **forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins**.

You're Growing or Going
(You don't slide into holiness)

2) What “holy commandment” had been delivered to them?

2 Peter 3:2

...you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the **commandment** of the Lord and Savior **through your apostles**...

1 John 3:23–24a

²³ And this is [God's] commandment, **that we believe** in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, just as he has commanded us (Cf. John 13:34). ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. ...

Jonathan Lehman: The church's most powerful political word is **the gospel**. And the church's most powerful political testimony **is being the church**.ⁱ (emphasis his)

^{21b} ...turn back **from the holy commandment delivered to them**. (Cf. 3:2)

²² *What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”*

3) In what way is the state of these false teachers worse?

...Fired at our Life & Heart

These false teachers understood the gospel and then turned back from it, sealing their own destruction.



Hebrews 10:26–27 (Cf. 1 Jn. 2:18–19; Matt. 13:20–22)

²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately *after receiving the knowledge of the truth*, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

The Danger of Seeing & Rejecting

I. Apostasy Should Smell Like Death (It's ugly & dangerous)

- A. Watch out for greed
- B. Watch out for sensuality

II. Do not Take Our Own Security for Granted

- A. Do not take your own sin lightly (It's ugly & dangerous)

Jerry Bridges. Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate.

Ungodliness; Anxiety and Frustration; Discontentment; Unthankfulness; Pride; Selfishness; Lack of Self-Control; Impatience and Irritability; Anger; The Weeds of Anger; Judgmentalism; Envy, Jealousy, and Related Sins; Sins of the Tongue; Worldliness

- B. Take your job as a royal priest seriously

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (Church membership is not a man-made extra...)

- C. Love of Christ controls us (an indicative not an imperative)

2 Corinthians 5:14–15

¹⁴ For the *love of Christ controls us*, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might *no longer live for themselves* but *for him who for their sake died and was raised*.



The Gospel is the engine that drives the Christian life.
This is why we became Christians...

ⁱ **Jonathan Lehman.** How the nations rage: rethinking faith in politics in a divided age (p. 202).