

## 2 Peter

Sermon Notes – June 16, 2019

[#07] *The Judgment of False Teachers*

2 Peter 2:1–22 (Pt. 2)

### Children's Sermon: Learning from the Past

Rafiki: "The past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it."

Learning what to be afraid of...

- Fire, Electricity...
- Deep end of the pool...

Should we be afraid of God?

- Yes. (Every time something bad happens...)

Romans 3:18

"There is *no fear of God* before their eyes."

- **And no.** God made a way for us to be saved from his judgment!



### Peter's Own Summary

Notes:

2 Peter 3:14

<sup>14</sup> **Therefore, beloved**, since you are waiting **for these**, *be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.* [the 'why' of the delay; Paul - FT twisting scriptures]

2 Peter 3:17–18

<sup>17</sup> **You therefore, beloved**, knowing this beforehand, **take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.** <sup>18</sup> But *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Titus 2:11–13 (Paul)

<sup>11</sup> For **the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation** for all people, <sup>12</sup> *training us* to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> *waiting for our blessed hope*, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...

**Cpt. 1 – Diligently Pursue Virtue with Faith in God's Promises**

**Cpt. 2 – Beware of False Teachers**

**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. The Danger of Fearlessness (2:3-10a) God Has Clearly Revealed His Coming Judgement

<sup>3</sup> And in their **greed they will exploit** you with **false words**. Their condemnation from long ago **is not idle**, and their destruction **is not asleep**.

<sup>4</sup> For if God **did not spare angels** when they sinned, but cast *them* into hell and **committed them** to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until **the judgment**; <sup>5</sup> *if he did not spare the **ancient world**, but **preserved Noah**, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of **the ungodly***; <sup>6</sup> *if by turning the cities of **Sodom and Gomorrah** to ashes he **condemned them to extinction**, making *them* an example of what is going to happen to **the ungodly***; <sup>7</sup> *and if he **rescued** righteous **Lot**, greatly distressed by the **sensual conduct of the wicked*** <sup>8</sup> (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, **he was tormenting** his righteous soul over their **lawless deeds** that he saw and heard);

<sup>9</sup> *then the Lord **knows how to rescue** the godly from trials, and **to keep** the **unrighteous** under punishment until **the day of judgment** (3:7), <sup>10</sup> *and especially those **who indulge** (who go after the flesh) in the **lust of defiling passion** and **despise authority**.**

## II. (Irrational) Blaspheming Glorious Ones? (2:3a, 10b-11)

<sup>3a</sup> And in their **greed they will exploit** you with **false words**.

<sup>10b</sup> Bold and willful, **they do not tremble** as they blaspheme the **glorious ones**, <sup>11</sup> whereas **angels**, though greater in might and power, **do not pronounce** a blasphemous judgment **against them** *before the Lord*.

### A. Peter's Point in Context

"**Fear**" is the common human response in the presence of angels (4 Macc. 4:10; Matt. 28:5; Luke 1:13, 30; Luke 2:9–10...)" (bold mine)

"To insult angelic beings, as have the heretics (v. 10b), is considered the height of hubris in this Mediterranean context."

We may assume that their rejection of angelic authority is linked to the common understanding of **the angelic role in the execution of the final judgment**... (Matt. 13:39, 41, 49; 16:27; 24:31; 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 7:2; 8:2, 6, 13; 9:15).<sup>i</sup> (bold mine)

## Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man is going to come **with his angels** in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

B. "Pronounce a Blasphemous Judgment?"..."them?" (v. 11)  
<sup>11</sup> **whereas angels**, though greater in might and power, **do not pronounce** a blasphemous judgment against them *before the Lord.*

## James 4:11–12

<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and **judges the law**. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> **There is only one lawgiver and judge**, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Angels, who are mightier than you,  
are afraid to offend the true Judge!



*...Fired at our Life & Heart*

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.



## Only Fools Refuse to Fear God

I. **God is Willing and Able to Judge the Lawless** 

### 1 Timothy 4:1

<sup>1</sup> Now **the Spirit** expressly says that *in later times* some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

Does it feel silly to talk about the coming Judgment with unbelievers?

### Genesis 3:4

But the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die.**"

## II. Who You Fear is a Testimony

### Philippians 1:27–28

<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and **not frightened** in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of **their destruction**, but of **your salvation**, and that from God.



We should cultivate a principled boldness instead of pragmatism

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<sup>i</sup> Green, G. L. (2008). [\*Jude and 2 Peter\*](#) (p. 271, 274, 271). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.