

The Rising and Falling of False Teachers

Introduction: God spoke His truth through the holy men of God, but Satan speaks his lies through wicked men who pretend to be teachers of God's Word.

- I. The _____ of False Teachers (2 Pe. 2:1-3)
 - A. False prophets were _____ in the Old Testament (Deut. 18:22; Jer. 14:14).
 - B. They always arise from _____, not surrounding nations (Jer. 5:31; 23:9-18).
 - C. A false teacher is one who deliberately pushes false teaching; they do not do it in _____.
 - D. "These false teachers take their place _____ the church. They pose as ministers of the gospel. This is what makes the peril so great" (MacDonald).
 - E. They could be called "masters of _____."
 - F. Their main thrust is promoting series of _____.
 - G. All the errors are introduced _____ (Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:29; 1 Jn. 4:1).
 - H. Their teachings bring spiritual _____ to the church.
 - I. Many people _____ them for their "feel-good preaching"; they preach whatever people want to hear (2 Tim. 4:3; 1 Cor. 11:19; Jn. 10:27).
 - J. All the false teachers are motivated by personal _____.
- II. The _____ of False Teachers (2 Pe. 2:4-6)
 - A. Peter uses Old Testament examples to show that God does not _____ of sin, and how He will not just leave it alone.
 - B. When the angels sinned in following Satan's rebellion, God kicked them out of _____ (Ezek. 28:15; Rev. 12:7).
 - C. When the recently created world became exceedingly sinful, God _____ it and started over with Noah's family.
 - D. When the city of Sodom became completely _____, God burned the entire city.
 - E. Those stories are to serve as _____ for those who live ungodly lives.
- III. The _____ of True Followers (2 Pe. 2:7-9)
 - A. Lot was a saved man living in the midst of great _____.
 - B. He was a tormented _____.
 - C. Sin should bother a _____ person.
 - D. God will not judge the _____ with the wicked (Gen. 18).
 - E. In Christ we are saved from the _____ to come (1 Thess. 1:10).
 - F. Believers will be raptured before the _____ begins.

Conclusion: "In all ages of the church, and under all dispensations, when God sends true prophets, the devil sends some to seduce and deceive, false prophets in the Old Testament, and false Christs, false apostles, and seducing teachers, in the New" (Henry).