



Be On Guard

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TODAY'S READING: 2 Peter 2

It easy to fight against enemies when we you know who they are. Peter says, just like in the book of Jude, they have somehow slipped in under our noses. They may be someone who sits next to you in a Sunday Morning Group, or in a D-Group or in worship. They do not look or act any different than you and me. They say the right things and act the right way, but they have been planted in our fellowship to lead us astray, eventually even to deny God's sovereignty over His children. They will be lead by their feelings not the truth of the Word of God.

Peter gives several examples of how God dealt with these enemies in the past:

1. Angels, God did not turn his head when the Satan and his followers sinned.
2. He did not spare those in Noah's day.
3. He did not relent His judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah.
4. He changed Balaam into a donkey because of his disobedience.

Then Peter tells us they are waterless springs, useless, having no substance in their teachings and the end game for them is utter darkness. They are loud fools trying to entice with sensual passions or feelings. They, as so many in the world today, promise freedom, but then those who follow them become slaves of the things they do.

There is a lot of debate about verse 20. Some think these people are actually Christ-followers. But, remember, they have been sent for our destruction and distraction so that the real Christ-followers will be derailed from being obedient to Christ and His Word. Also, when we look back to verse 1, they deny Jesus and God's sovereignty. No one that has truly accepted Christ as their Savior can deny Him.

The message of 2 Peter 2 is that we are to be so intimate with the Word of God that we recognize who these are that have been planted and do not follow them, even though what they say may sound normal or logical. We are to follow God's Word. A good companion scripture is found in the book of Jude verse 4.

PRAYER: Lord, I pray that You make our hearts and minds quick to those things that are not in Your Word and that you protect us form those who would lead us astray.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: 2 Peter 3

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