

“There Are False Prophets”

2 Peter 2:1-22

A Study of 2 Peter and Jude

Theme: The devil seeks to destroy the church by leading her into denial.

Outline:

- I. There are false prophets (v. 1).
- II. The threat of falsehood is from within the church (“among the people,” “among you” [v. 1a])
- III. The threat of falsehood is deceptive and seductive (“who will secretly introduce” [v. 1b], “many will follow,” “they will exploit you” [vv. 2, 3, 10-15a, 16-19])
- IV. The treat of falsehood is theological (“they deny the Master who bought them” (v. 1c).

Error always has as its source a faulty view of God, Sin, and Jesus. Failure to affirm, appreciate, and appropriate the person and work of Jesus Christ leads to error.

- A. Jesus did not die for everyone equally, although all benefit from His death.
 - B. The failure of some to believe does not frustrate God.
 - C. The Son’s provision is sufficient to save everyone, but effectual only in the life of those who believe.
 - D. God saves those who believe.
 - E. Jesus died to save those chosen by God before time (Titus 1:1-4).
 - F. The unlimited provision is in the nature of the one who atones. Because of who God is, what He does is of infinite value.
 - G. Thus, who Jesus is and what Jesus did has the capability of saving everyone, everywhere, at all times.
 - H. Because this is true, Peter can say that the false prophet and false teacher deny the Master who bought them.
 - I. The death Jesus died redeems sinners from sin’s debt. That death is not effectual or powerful unless and until you believe.
 - J. The false prophet, false teacher rejects the person and work of Jesus Christ. Their damnation and rejection are inseparably linked.
- V. The threat of falsehood is destructive, enslaving, and damnable (vv. 1d, 10, 12, and 13).

Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

- 1. Friend, to what or to whom are you listening?
- 2. In what and in whom do you believe?
- 3. Fear not, God is able to protect those who are His.

There is no positive outcome connected to falsehood. There is no question as to the outcome of unbelief. What Peter will do is show from the ancient text the predictable outcome of one’s rebellion against God.

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