

# *Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church*

Sunday School Lesson

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

The Destruction of False Teachers

## **2 Peter 2: 1 - 10**

As believers, do we experience spiritual distress in our life from living surrounded by the immoral corruption of the world. The answer is yes, because genuine faith is sensitive to sin, for the Holy Spirit which indwells within us cannot coexist with sin, therefore, our soul grieves over the wickedness of mankind. For this reason, the spirit that dwells in us produces conviction that gives unto us a deep awareness of sin, so that we might always be drawn into a closer relationship with God, for he wants us to always experience the fulness of his glory. Therefore, there is a battle going on within the life of the believer, a struggle to change, empowered by the Holy Spirit, so that we might overcome sin, and continue to conform to the image of Christ. Now, you might be wondering, do we as believers still sin, yes, we do, but we are no longer slaves to sin, because the Holy Spirit provides us with the power to overcome. It is the spirit's intolerance of sin, working within us, that is an expression of God's great love. For even though, as believers, we struggle to change, the spirit remains strong and steadfast, always guiding us toward the holiness of God. This provides us with discernment, enabling us to identify those who are false, those who disguise themselves as being righteous, but they spread deceitful and vain doctrines that go against the truth of God's word. Therefore, the spirit allows us to determine, and to recognize if the truth is being taught, by evaluating whether or not the message delivered confesses Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. This gives unto us an awareness to remain anchored in his truth, despite the presence of deceptive teachings.

**2 Peter 2: 1 – 2,....**but there were false prophets....among the people....even as there shall be false teachers among you....who....bring in....heresies....denying the Lord....and bring upon themselves swift destruction....many shall follow their pernicious ways....of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of....

False teachers are not just outsiders, but they are those who will rise up from within the body of Christ, which means that they are harder to identify. These teachers use Gods word to hide their true intent, which is to ruin the soul and distort the gospel, promoting immoral behavior, emphasizing upon there own personal gain, while teaching that obedience to the promises and commandments of God's word is not entirely necessary. Therefore, as believers, we are warned that many will follow after theses teachings, which may seem to be popular sayings among man, but are not necessarily true. Because they are those who claim to be believers, but live immoral lives while still professing Gods word, their behavior is seen as a reflection of sound doctrine. This is very dangerous, for it makes their lies more influential and more difficult to spot, because they are motivated by greed and not by God.

**Titus 1: 16,....**they profess that they know God, but in works they deny him, being....disobedient....reprobate ( corrupt )....

A true believer's inward transformation and righteousness will always align with their outward spiritual confession and actions. True knowledge of God will always provide a changed life, with a willing desire and obedience to keep the promises and commandments of his word. A true believer, one who professes to know God, claims his wisdom, his knowledge, and his understanding through faith, by his works, and does not focus on various religions and rituals that are useless and worthless, not prioritizing personal reputation over the obedience of God.

**2 Peter 2: 3 – 8,....**through covetousness shall they with unfeigned words make merchandise of you....whose judgement....lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not....for if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them....to hell....and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement....spared not the old world, but saved Noah....a preacher of righteousness....turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes....and delivered just Lot....for that righteous man dwelleth among them....vexed ( distressed ) his righteous soul....with their unlawful deeds....

Gods' divine judgement will come upon those who use deceptive words and immoral lifestyles to manipulate or exploit others by promising prosperity and health over godly responsibilities and righteous living. Therefore, through historical examples, God shows unto us the way of truth, by his protection and righteousness when compared to the cost of compromise. For we are warned against gaining worldly prosperity by using the gospel of his saving grace as a means of deceiving others through vain envy and jealousy.

**Jeremiah 23: 35 – 36,....**this shall ye say everyone to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, what hath the Lord answered, and what hath the Lord spoken....the burden of the Lord shall ye mention no more, for every man's word shall be his burden, for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God....

The word of God warns us of those who will use the phrase: " God told me " so as to endorse their own personal opinion and distort the truth for their own worldly gain. We are warned that using the name of the Lord for our own agenda to justify selfish actions and to manipulate others can and will diminish our authoritative position when it comes to being a living example of God's word in the face of others. Therefore, we must be cautious of anyone who claims to have a direct divine revelation from God, for they falsely mislead and misrepresent the truth of God's word, while claiming to overcome worldly burdens in the name of the Lord.

**2 Peter 2: 9 – 10a,....**the Lord knoweth how to deliver the ungodly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished....but chiefly those that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government....

God will protect us, as believers, from rebellious individuals and false teachers even when wickedness seems to be triumphant, for God is attentive and will justify the faithful. God understands our every situation, and when we turn to him, he will provide a way out, always encouraging us to use these challenging circumstances in our life for spiritual growth. We are reminded not to be discouraged by the deceptive prosperity of false prophets and turn to their wicked ways, but we are to trust in Gods divine justice. For these false teachers are bold, and willful, walking in their own corrupt desires and worldly authority, living for oneself, rejecting true faith, and having a rebellious, self-indulging spirit. These false teachers who are bold and daring are not afraid to mock the realities of Gods divine judgement. But let us remember that those who reject Gods authority and promote worldly lifestyles are destined for destruction. Despite the way things may appear, God will hold the unrighteous accountable, and he will protect those who are faithful. Therefore, let us not walk after the flesh, but after the spirit, for they that walk after the spirit will do the things of the spirit.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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