

## STAND FIRM GOD KNOWS HOW TO RESCUE

### 2 Peter 2:4-10a

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; <sup>5</sup> if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; <sup>6</sup> if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— <sup>9</sup> if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. <sup>10</sup> This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

Main Idea: God judges the rebellious and delivers the righteous.

### 1. God Has Judged the Rebellious Before vv. 4-6

- The Fallen Angels

Jude 6

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

- The Ungodly People of the Flood

Genesis 6:11-13

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. <sup>12</sup> God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. <sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with

violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

- The Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah

#### Genesis 19:24-25

Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the Lord out of the heavens. <sup>25</sup> Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land.

### 2. God Has Delivered the Righteous Before (vv. 5, 7)

- He Protected Noah  
...but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

Genesis 7:1

The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.

- He Rescued Lot  
...he rescued Lot, a righteous man...

#### Genesis 19:15-16

When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, telling him to take his wife and two daughters and leave so they wouldn't be swept away in the punishment of the city. When he hesitated, the men grabbed his hand and the hands of his wife and daughters, because the Lord was merciful to them, and led them safely out of the city.

### 3. God Can Preserve the Righteous among the Rebellious Now (v.9)

<sup>9</sup> if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment

- The Lord Knows HOW
- God's Justice Involves Both Judgement and Deliverance
  - Deliverance for the Righteous:

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation or trial has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful; he will not let you be tested beyond what you can bear, but will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Psalm 34:17-19

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
  - Accountability for the Ungodly

Jude 14-15

Enoch prophesied that the Lord comes with thousands of his holy ones to execute judgment on all, and to convict all the ungodly of their ungodly deeds and harsh words spoken against Him.