

2 Peter 2:1-4 “Beware Of False Teachers”

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Does everyone have their Bibles?

[Isaiah 40:8](#) *The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.”*

Let us open our Bibles... “ to the 2nd Peter... chapter 2.”

BIBLES: If you **don’t** have a Bible, and would like one ...to follow along with us
please raise your hand ...and we will get a Bible into your hands.

And If you **don’t own** a Bible ... please make it a gift to you ... from the Lord.

Does anyone need a Bible? Amen.

Please stand for the reading of Gods word.

2 PETER.

CHAPTER 2.

VERSE 1.

The New King James Version Chapter 2

1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Let Us Pray.

INTRODUCTION: Peter...is very aware..that his time was short...

that he would be departing his tent and this world...

probably within a year from the time this letter was written.

And he has things he wants to address to the church...

who is going through one of the most difficult persecution of their lives...

to bring their focus back on the prize...Jesus.

He reminds them...of who they are...and all they have in Christ..

to include His divine power...to be able to walk a holy life in an unholy world..

He reminded them of their new birth...and exhorted them to continue growing in the Lord

growing in their knowledge of Christ..

so that He can manifest Himself in and through them..

And Peter layed it out for them... that through obedience to the Lord

drawing close in their relationship with the Lord...

they will never stumble...meaning...to fall away from the Lord..

Then he reminded them they have the very prophetic word... confirmed...

They have their eye witness testimonies of Jesus Christ fulfilling Gods prophecies

through what they seen, heard, and handled concerning our Lord and Savior..

and when they declared the truth to them..they didnt come

with cunningly devised fables..they came with their eyewitness accounts

that pointed directly to the prophetic word of God..

that Jesus is indeed the Messiah.

reminding them...that the very word of God...

that declares..heaven and earth will pass away

but the word of God will abide forever..

will forever testify of Gods Christ to come...

and the propetic word confirmed that He indeed came...

Peter made it very clear...in verse 21..

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21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were **moved by the Holy Spirit.**

Moved as in... they were carried along by the Holy Spirit..

 this carries the same idea...when Paul was on a ship

 that was hit by a tempest in the sea...

 where the ship was driven ..or carried along by the wind..and the waves

 and were at the mercy of what was carrying them...

Peter says these godly men were the instruments to write..

 and were driven...or carried along by the Holy Spirit...

 And Im sure they had their thoughts..but they didnt write their thoughts..

 Or that they had opinions..but they didnt write down their opinions..

 Im sure they wanted to fill in gaps or try to explaing things..but they didnt..

 They simply wrote and declared what the Holy Spirit moved them to write.

And supernaturally ...the combination of the human...and the divine

 came to play a roll...when the scripture was put to the page..

 and one thing we understand..is a lot of what they wrote..

 they couldnt even understand it...they simply wrote it down..

These godly men of old...were Gods instruments

 to speak for Him ...they were chosen by God to be prophets of God...

 And Peter continues and says... in...

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1 But there were also false prophets among the people,

Among the prophets of God...of the Old Testament scriptures...

there were also false prophets among them in the ancient world...

God through the prophet Ezekiel spoke to them...in chapter 13...in verse 3...

The New King James Version Chapter 13

3 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!

And through Jeremiah, 23:16...

The New King James Version Chapter 23

16 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.

They make you worthless;

They speak a vision of their own heart,

Not from the mouth of the LORD.

And also through Isaiah. on many occasions....30:10...

The New King James Version Chapter 9

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel,
Palm branch and bulrush in one day.

15 The elder and honorable, he is the head;
The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

These false prophets were not chosen of God...

let alone they were not holy men...They were counterfeits...

Satan always tries to counterfeit what is real...

and he even did so with having his own prophets...

they would show up..and would speak as if they were of God...So

during the time of the Old Testament prophets... we are told..

The New King James Version Chapter 2

there were also false prophets among the people, **even as there will be** false teachers among you,

So...there were false prophets back then

and now... to the church Peter says...**there will be false teachers**...among you..

So now... the devil is like..If I can't beat them..then I will join them...

and send in false teachers into the church to lead them astray..

But today...the church... is not just going to easily take someone in

who claims they are a prophet...right? we are more discerning than that..

but a false teacher??...they are different...they come into the church,

stick around enough to where they look like they are sound..doctrinely

they seem very nice and trustworthy..they say and do all the right things..

and they serve and are very involved...and eventually

they will be allowed to teach... and then they begin to teach things.

Thing is... these people are NOT going to come in to a fellowship

and flat out identify themselves like..."Hi..Im Tom and I'm a false teacher.."

Im not talking about those who have in the past..

who blatantly pointed to themselves as being divine like Jim Jones

or calling themselves the last prophet and messiah...such as David Korash..

Yes there are those who will come like that...

who are false prophets...false messiahs...

But Peter that is not what is speaking about

he is talking about false teachers..who are in the church among us...

those are who he is concerned with...

like I mentioned as we begun our study in second Peter...

there were a couple of things that began to happen

during the time this letter was written...

First...there began to be a tremendous rise of apostasy,

where many people were walking away from their faith

due to the great persecution that came upon Christians for their faith.

And secondly...false teachings had been brought into the churches

and was spreading like a wildfire within the church.

And Peter, knowing he was going to be gone soon..

knew there was no time for mincing up words..or being politically correct

No Peter needed to flat out call these people out...

And I believe we need to pay very close attention to what he has to say

because..this is even more relevant for our day...

false teachers are sprouting up all over the place..

as we come closer to Christ's return...

And so we must pay attention to Peter's words as he now begins

to describe them to us.... and he begins by telling us they have always been around

and it will always be that way..

anywhere there is a work of the Holy Spirit

the devil will always try to come in quietly and introduce what is false

into the midst of it.

One of the greatest weapons we have in Calvary Chapels across the nation

is...**really long sermons**...I've gotten way better though...

but we have the protection of the word of God...

and so we are simply to teach it...not sugar coat it..not minimize it

but teach it as it is intended for the reader..and when we do that

it is such a protection for the body of Christ...

but even more for our local fellowship...because yes..

some teachings can be long..but none the less... it is the word of God..

And for many who come in with self ambition or self serving motives

they are faced with the truth...long sermons..and they are not patient

enough to stick around and carry out what they want...and I'm good with that...

move along... if you're here seeking your own desires and wants..

the door works both ways...we stick to the word of God here

all of it...from Genesis to Revelation and we take our time

going through it verse by verse. And that has been our protection

from false teachings trying to find their way in...

But the truth is..they have always been around..

and notice back in verse one...how they work...

they like to circulate..and blend in AMONG Gods people...

Never do we ever see them target the lost...or start from scratch...

they come into a church..where the Holy Spirit is doing a good work..

and they target Christians...meaning...they target you...

they come in wearing sheeps clothing...portraying themselves as Christians..

thats what a cult does..it tries to portray itself to be Christian

but is not Christian...

I think what frusrates me..is their lack of knowledge of scriptures..

where they take something of the word of God..out of context

disregarding the rest of the Bible...and stand on thier own interpretation

usually agreeing with their flesh...and try to teach it as doctrine..

and... if thats the case..why dont they identify themselves

as something else...other than Christians.

Yet they go through the effort to make themselves appear as Christian

because they use Chritianity as an attempt to give themselves credibility or legitmacy.

to what they are teaching... because literally... if they didn't do that...

and they came out with their own religion and docrine..

People would look at them as crazy..or a flat out occult.

So what do they do...they work their way into a Christian church.

and when you see them..you automatically think they are there

in agreeance with our beliefs and in Jesus Christ...

and it gives them a legitimacy... that they wouldn't otherwise have.

but, One thing is for sure...they are looking for you...

they walk around and blend in..and target the younger Christians...

and those they click with really well.....usually new attendees' and...they are after you..

there is something already in their minds that is established..

and they want to take something over...

So they are among you..and notice what Peter says next....they are people..

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who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,

so they like to work secretly...undar the radar...they are deceptive..

they are very controlled..quiet...and not very open to you..

they come off as nice...smiling... and friendly...

They never tell you hey...Im here to pull people from here..

and form an all star group and cause a split...Im going to splinter this place..

No...they never do that...they come in..

and work the outer edges of the church...and do it secretly...

They make sure they identify the leadership..knowing who is who...

and so they wont typically invite them to any

of their special get togethers at their home.... for fellowship

and they spend time building these relationships sort of

working around the body of Christ... start influencing them..

with kindness..and encouragement, and gentle words...

And then they start working them...

like how long have you been going to The Movement church...

how long have you been a part of Calvary Chapel?

Oh yeah...They are really good teachers...

but for me... they really dont go that deep in the word...

I like diving deep in Gods word...and thats what i believe is missing...here.

do you like going deep in Gods word?

I've started a small Bible study to go deeper in Gods word

And we are really spending time really looking through it...

Something you will never find here...

because its very complicated and time consuming...

You should come over and check out our Bible study...

I think you will really love it...

And because they dont look like a threat..and someone from church

they dont think any harm or foul..

But this is all being done secretly without talking to anyone in leadership

not getting any permission to do that within the fellowship

not allowing the church to have oversight of it..

Now... I will give credit for those who have apporached me

for them to start their own Bible study within the fellowship...

whom I have gotten to know..and I responded that we do have things

put in place for discussion based on Sundays teaching...

yet they responded that they wanted their own freedom

apart from the church...to pick any book...while having no oversight....

but to start it within the church...

Well, that is not going to happen...especially as we learn here from Gods word

as Gods undershepherd I have a responsibility to protect His flock

If there is ever something starting..it is usually under oversight

from those whom I have carefull prayed over..

someone who is faithful and has a good understanding of doctrine

and what we believe...

So... if you see something within this fellowship starting... like a Bible study

always vet to see if it is approved by the Movement Church... I would like to know...

Remember, I have a responsibility to the Lord and to you...

than allowing someone who wants to come in and do their own work

on what the Lord is already doing.

But...like Peter describes here...they will do it in secret

they will do it under the radar...seemingly innocent...but are deceptive

and that is their methodology...

The apostle Paul wrote about this very thing in

[2 Corinthians 11:13](#)..

The New King James Version Chapter 11

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Jesus said in [Matthew 7:15](#)...Beware of these false prophets..false teachers..

The New King James Version Chapter 7

15 “ who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

And they know they are not sheep...or not a part of that fellowship... that body

they know they won’t fall under the authority of the pastor or leadership

they know better..they follow their own authority...

Yet..they come in...and they give the appearance of being a sheep..

You know what the difference is between a sheep and a wolf... if you put them side by side?

well judging by the sheep’s leg hanging out of the wolf’s mouth...

the wolves eat sheep....they destroy lives...they hunt sheep..

where as ...sheep never eat sheep...they flock together..

When Jesus says beware of false prophets...its because they are deceitful..

they are coming in the appearance of sheep...

looking , talking, and acting just like you...

but there is something under the appearance... a ravenous wolf...

and that in itself terrifies me...it angers me...

because this is the bride of Christ...nobody has entitlement ...

and that is why ...Jesus..said..beware...be alert..pay attention..be watchful..

He says..

The New King James Version Chapter 7

16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

pay attention..give it time...the bad fruit will always in some form

manifest itself...because that is something they cannot hide over time.

so church...be wise..and pay attnetion...because like Peter says..

The New King James Version Chapter 2

there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,

Notice Peter draws our attention to something known as heresy...

and heresy is destructive to the a persons biblical faith..

they may sound Christian..but they are misleading..

leading people away from Christ...and into spiritual ruin.

Now what is heresy? well the Greek teaches us

that heresy originally means "choice." a choosing...

and here it is bringing in a doctrine that is design to divide a sect

or a party from a local fellowship..

trying to get people to choose to accept what they are teaching

yet the teachers are denying some aspect of established doctrine.

And I think people today are way too accepting of what they hear today...

in regards to biblical teachings...because people have lost the need

to go back and search the scriptures themselves.

and that is a very dangerous place to operate...

it is rampant today..and I have to exhort myself when I say..

take everything back to the scriptures and verify if what they are saying is true.

because the things that are being spoken freely ..

behind the pulpits in this nation..and all over the world...

church..it has to be tested by the word of God..and not taken at face value.

Because listen...this is matter of life and death...thats how serious this is..

Jesus said "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

He also said this in [Matthew 7:21-23](#)..

The New King James Version Chapter 7

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

And yet today..we have the Bible...Gods word... in our very hands...

while there is so much doctrine...floating around, making it in our ears..

where the church has become complacent in matching it up to the word of God...

and on top of that...we are in the last days...

the church does not have time...to be that accepting..that complacent..

Ive said it before..the biggest killer in the U.S. Navy is complacency..

when we get to relaxed...thats where danger is imminent..

We need to be testing everything said to the word of God..

Church...this is a very serious deal..because these people will face Gods judgement

and heresy needs to be spoken against...and exposed...

but who will expose it..if we are not testing it?

Now... Peter shares an example of heresy that is being taught there..

The New King James Version Chapter 2

even denying the Lord who bought them,

They deny the things that are true..of what the scriptures declare are true

concerning the Christ...and the person of Jesus...

they would go back and deny...His virgin birth...His deity,

His death as the Atonement...based on His blood...

they deny His resurrection...His ascension...

they deny that He bought them...that He is the only way of salvation...

Now the dangerous with heresy...is that they have some true doctrine as well.

Lets be honest..there is not a cult in this world that does not have some truth in it

these deceitful teachers generally believe in some things that are true..

and with the things the general population would agree with..

However, there are things..that may be said..in a crafty way

that sounds like truth..but they are teaching in error...and it is not truth

but the words are spun as truth...with conviction and passion..and are persuasive..

and so they should accept it because that popular man...is their pastor?

He is well known...and trustworthy...he is like a celebrity...

No...it does not matter who is behind the pulpit

you have a responsibility...to go back to your Bible and test

whatever is being taught from the pulpit... by the word of God..

We need to follow the example of the people of Berea in [Acts 17:10-11](#)...

The New King James Version Chapter 17

10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

It did not matter if it was the apostle Paul who came and taught..

they went back to the word of God..to search if what he said was true...

And what does that tell you? It does not matter who it is teaching..

you should always match it up with the word of God...

You should be going home...after church and test all I have taught

by the scriptures...Amen.

Now...dont just consider a person to be a heretic

because you dont agree with someone

who is teaching but is unclear on some things..

that you happen to be very well versed and have clarity on..

it doesnt make that person a heretic...

Remember Apollos in [Acts 18:24-28](#)?? Apollos was educated..who was

The New King James Version Chapter 18

born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

Telling us he is not clear on a couple of issues...

I mean he is on most things..but not everything...

and it was concerning baptism... but he is there..

The New King James Version Chapter 18

26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue.

yet... in the synagogue...we have Priscilla and Aquila attending that Sabbath service..

and they listened to Apollos...He is a Christian..laying things out..

and everythin is in order...but is a little unclear on an issue or two..So..

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When Aquila and Priscilla heard him,

they left and went to Jim and Nicks Barbeque...

and laughed up a storm at Apollos..

while eating their brisket nachos...for a good hour

until they couldnt eat no more...and headed home...

to watch Americas team..the Cowboys.. play...

No..rather...they waited till after the service...and

The New King James Version Chapter 18

they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Now was Apollos a heretic? no...He was just unclear...

and now... he is clear on those issues..they helped him on things..

Listen..there are things that we may not agree on

there are some things where there are biblical cases for both sides

like...some people believe when we die..we will get our new bodies immediatley

and others believe we get our new body at the time of the rapture..

but look..nobody is a heretic on that...because biblical cases

can be made on both sides...minus the superior one..

we get our new bodies when we go to be with the Lord...

They'll see...that I'm right..

But these heresies..Peter says...that they even deny the Lord who bought them..

bought them as in...If...they are true believers...

and...then....he says..they...

The New King James Version Chapter 2

bring on themselves swift destruction.

meaning they are bringing judgement on themselves...yes, their judgement is coming...

and when you learn that a person is speaking heresy...what do you do?

you call them to repent...but you dont follow them...

and allow them to lead you..or anyone else to their destruction..

Church..that is how serious this is...its a matter of life and death..

Peter is being as straight forward as he can be...

But sadly...Peter shares...the result of this unvetted false teachings..he said..

VERSE 2.

The New King James Version Chapter 2

2 And many will follow their destructive ways,

these teachers... become popular...almost like celebrities...drawing in big crowds..

Now...we cannot assume... that just because a church is huge...

that they are doing things lukewarmish...and thats why they have a big church..

thats not true... and...sometimes we can think like that...

you have to be careful...Look what the Lord did with Chuck Smith...right?

He drew in thousands of people...

And we can also...tend to think that where the word is taught and people are being faithful

are usually in small churches... and thats why they dont grow big..thats not true either.

but we do recognize...that these false teachers can have huge followings..

but that in itself does not mean they are pleasing the Lord..

Just because they use the name of Jesus..doesnt mean He is there.

Just because the church has more than one campus

or an awesome worship band...who tells you the Spirit is there..

does not mean the Holy Spirit is there.

But I will say this...there is nothing more important

than to please the Lord and to allow the Holy Spirit to direct the body of Christ.

where He is at the center of it all. Amen.

Peter says in verse 2..that

The New King James Version Chapter 2

many will follow their destructive ways

and the use of the words destructive ways...

it means debased or sexually immoral practices...

in other words...they are popular because they don't condemn sin...

they dont expose sin..they dont identify sin and speak out against sin..

There is a well known...man...that I wont recognize him as a pastor..

who was interviewed and was asked if he ever teaches about sin..

He said no..that he doesnt typically preach about sin. hell, or judgement

that he focuses on postive encouragement.

but never sin.....

and thats why they reject true doctrine

so that they may continue in it...

and that falls on the many ears who sit under this mans teaching..

but...truth is..he is not the first..because there has been

many throughout history and many today that teach the same thing..

"oh...dont get caught up on obedience or holiness...

keep loving God..thats the main thing....love Jesus..

you are going to be fine...your not perfect...

but as long as you love Jesus...He will bless you."

Thats not what the Bible teaches...you cant have it both ways..

Jesus says in [Matthew 6:23](#)...

The New King James Version Chapter 6

24 "No one can serve two masters;

yet...Peter is telling us...

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2 many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom, the way of truth will be blasphemed.

in other words..by their destructive ways...and deeds...

they will cause unbelievers to look at Christianity with contempt..

and blaspheme the way of truth....And that is something we see today..

You know over the last couple of decades..

the church has tried in their own ambition to be relevant with the culture

so much that they look more like the culture than Christ...

and then the doctrine has become so off...the rails...

doing so many weird things in the name of Jesus..with

so many false doctrines.. . not only behind the pulpit..

but then they have big worship teams writing music

that comes from under the pulpit in which they sit and learn...

where everything has become blurred..

Its almost now a days..that when you meet someone

and you share with them that your a Christian..you somewhat

feel like you have to qualify what that means..

Oh Im a Christian...i put my faith in Christ..for the forgiveness of sins

I am born again of the Holy Spirit..like the gospel of John declares

and..you clarify the death, burial, and resurrection..

and you dont belong to a denomination..and all these things.

which everyone should already identify that ..oh yeah... your a Christian.

Truth is..they dont..they have no idea today..

but only understand from what they see and hear..and today

there are so much misrepresentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ

its easy for them to blaspheme Christianity...

and it is tragic...

Yet..many people will follow these teachers.....and now...Peter tells us..

how these false teacher... keep the people staying..he says in

VERSE 3.

The New King James Version Chapter 2

3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words;

In other words..they find out what the people want to hear...

and then teach them those things...in a way.. that is pleasing to their ears..

finding out..what makes people feel good?

what do they want to hear when they come to church?

what kind of music do they like? and they tell people those things

and play the music they like...with lights and smoke machines

keeping everyone entertained...and all

yet behind all of it...is what? Look what Peter identifies it as..

covetousness...they want peoples money...

and their place in peoples life ..speaking of the power of influence and authority

Thats why they tell people what they want to hear...

Because they know...thats the easiest way for them to line their pockets..

their motive is covetousness..not being faithful to God.

one thing when I first came here and I met with our team...

before we were at the school...I met a pastor

and he told me that he can send me the blueprint on

how to build the church...and make it grow..

ways to think outside the box to get into a building...business wise..

I was shocked by what I heard...Im like really? a blueprint?

where is your trust? where is your faith?

I simply said I appreciate the offer brother..but thats the Lords department..

He says He will build His church and He will bring the increase..

but..I learned quickly.... what motivated him...it was in the blueprint..

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3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words;

Notice what Peter says next...

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for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

There is nothing that goes unseen by the Lord...

He has not fallen asleep... no He is very aware of everything...

in relation to the judgement that He is going to bring on these false prophets.

and these false teachers...His righteous judgement is not idle...

it is very well aware..it is alive waiting for them one day..

unless they repent...

In closing...Peter warns us of all these truths concerning false teachers.

and so we will stop right here...but let me leave you with a couple of questions...

after Peters words...

how careful are you about what you allow yourself to listen to and believe?

Are you taking the time to search the Scriptures for yourself,

or have you become comfortable allowing someone else

to determine what is true for you?

and If what you are listening to is not being tested

against the whole counsel of God's Word, how would you know

if you were being led away from the truth?

But here is the underlineing point...as we consider Peters warnings..

is that we cannot afford to be passive listeners

when it comes to the truth of God's Word.

Paul says this in [2 Timothy 4:2-5](#)

The New King James Version Chapter 4

Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 **But you be watchful in all things**, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Let us pray.

SALVATION:

And if you don't know Jesus as your Savior..

PRAYER:

If you need prayer and someone to pray with you,

PLEASE STAND

BENEDICTION SONG ([Numbers 6:24-26](#))

The Lord bless thee

(The Lord bless thee) women

and keep thee;

(and keep thee)

The Lord make- His face- shine upon thee

and be gracious unto thee;

and be gracious unto thee;

The Lord lift up

(the Lord lift up)

His countenance

(His countenance)

Upon thee and give thee peace"