



EXILES - A Study Through 1st & 2nd Peter – Depravity & Deception

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SERMON TEXT // 2 Peter 2:10B-16 English Standard Version

¹⁰Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, ¹¹whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. ¹²But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. ¹⁴They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! ¹⁵Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, ¹⁶but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

SERMON GUIDE // Characteristics of False Teachers:

1. Bold and Willful (vv.10B-11)
2. Irrational and Ignorant (v.12-13A)
3. Arrogant (vv.13B)
4. Insatiable Desire for Sin (v.14)
5. Love of Wrongful Gain (vv.15-16)



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Question 1 // Read **2 Peter 2:10B-16**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // Peter reminds his readers of the danger and reality of false teachers. He points out that these false teachers are: ***Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones.*** (2 Peter 2:10B) There is a sense of pride and lack of reverence described here. ***When it comes to teaching the word of God, describe the importance of humility. How do teachers or anyone else keep a humble heart?***

Question 3 // On Sunday, Bill said: "It's vitally important that we search the scriptures and seek understanding so that we can know false doctrine and the teachers when we encounter it. But when we detect false teaching, we shouldn't dwell on it and make it our mission to simply hunt for false teachers. If we aren't careful, we'll end up spending more time searching for false teachers than searching for our true teacher and savior Jesus Christ. Our discovery of falsehood must drive us back to the truth and to worship the God of truth." ***Is it easy to get caught up in identifying false teachers and miss out in diving in truth? What does that look like in today's culture?***

Question 4 // Read **2 Peter 2:15-26**. Here Peter talk's about how false teachers love wrongful gain. ***What is it that false teachers look to gain? What do God-fearing teachers look to gain?*** Take some time to discuss the concept of looking at obedience as gain.

Reflection & Prayer

Spend some time praying the God would give us a greater understanding of our own depravity while also seeing His wisdom in seeing through the deception that comes from the teaching of false teachers. Thank Him for the reality that even though we are totally depraved - He has not left us in that state without help and hope.