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## **Judgment is Coming—But So Is Rescue!**

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### **Devotion and Discussin Questions**

**Key Texts:** 2 Pet. 2:4-10a; Is. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-19; Gen. 6-9; 18-19; Lk 17:26-30

When Peter wrote this letter, he was addressing a community shaken by false teachers. These teachers denied that judgment was coming, mocked the return of Yeshua, and twisted God's Word to fit their own desires. And Peter says, "Don't be deceived—God has always held the rebellious accountable, and He will again."

But that's not the only word. Alongside His judgment, God also knows how to rescue His people. He doesn't abandon the faithful, even when they're outnumbered, mocked, or surrounded by corruption. And in this passage, Peter gives us three powerful reminders—two warnings about judgment, and one promise of rescue.

#### **1. IF GOD DIDN'T SPARE THE ANGELS (V. 4)**

Peter begins with the angels who sinned. These heavenly beings had strength and glory far beyond ours, yet they rebelled against God. Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 give us glimpses of their pride: *"I will ascend... I will make myself like Elyon."* But instead of rising, they were cast down and restrained in darkness, awaiting judgment.

If God did not spare even the angels, Peter says, how can anyone believe He will overlook rebellion among people? This is a sobering reminder. God is not indifferent to sin. He is slow to anger, yes, but slow is not the same as silent. His patience is mercy—but His justice will come.

#### **2. IF GOD DIDN'T SPARE THE ANCIENT WORLD (VV. 5-8)**

Next, Peter recalls Noah's day. The world was filled with violence and corruption, yet God preserved Noah and his family through the flood. Every swing of Noah's hammer was a sermon of righteousness, but the world ignored it—until the rains fell.

Then Peter moves to Sodom and Gomorrah. Their cities were reduced to ashes, a living example of what happens when people persist in unrestrained rebellion. And yet, even in that destruction, God pulled Lot out. He wasn't perfect, but his soul was troubled by the wickedness around him, and he responded to God's call to flee.

These examples echo Yeshua's own words: *"As it was in the days of Noah... as it was in the days of Lot... so it will be when the Son of Man is revealed"* (Luke 17:26-30, TLV). The point is clear—judgment is real, and it comes in God's time.

#### **3. BUT GOD KNOWS HOW TO RESCUE THE GODLY (V. 9)**

Peter doesn't end with judgment—he ends with hope. *"The Lord certainly knows how to rescue the godly from trials"* (2 Peter 2:9, TLV). That's not a vague hope—it's a promise grounded in God's character and history. He preserved Noah when the whole world drowned. He pulled Lot out of the flames of Sodom. He has always

distinguished between the ungodly who persist in rebellion and those who trust Him, even when outnumbered.

For us today, that means God has not forgotten you. He knows how to guard you when temptation presses in. He knows how to sustain you when trials feel overwhelming. He knows how to strengthen your faith when false voices seem louder than truth. His delays are not abandonment—they are opportunities for repentance, for growth, and for trust. Even when evil looks strong and the faithful feel few, God is working. The Judge is also the Rescuer, and His promise still stands: He will not abandon His people.

## **CONCLUSION**

So Peter's message is this: Don't be deceived by false teachers who say, "Everything will just go on as it always has." No—judgment is coming. But so is rescue. God knows how to deal with rebellion, and He knows how to preserve the righteous.

The question is: which side of that story are you on? Are you resisting Him, shaping His Word to your desires? Or are you letting His Word shape you, even when it's hard? Maybe you've been listening to other voices—voices that make light of sin, voices that dismiss God's promises, voices that say judgment isn't real. Today, hear the voice of the Shepherd who calls you back. He is patient with you, not wanting you to perish but to come to repentance. The same God who shut Noah in the ark, the same God who pulled Lot out of Sodom, the same God who delivered the angels into judgment—He knows how to rescue you. But you have to humble yourself, repent, and call on His name. Will you let Him rescue you today?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why do you think false teachers are so persuasive, even among believers?
2. What do the examples of the angels, Noah, and Sodom teach us about the certainty of God's judgment?
3. How does Noah's obedience encourage us to stand firm, even when outnumbered?
4. What does Lot's story teach us about God's mercy in rescuing those who turn to Him?
5. Where in your life do you need to trust that *"the Lord knows how to rescue the godly"*?

## **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Abba, we thank You that You are both just and merciful. You will not ignore sin, but You also never abandon Your people. Rescue us from the voices that twist Your truth. Keep us steady in Your Word. Strengthen us to endure trials, and remind us that You know how to rescue the godly. We place our hope in Yeshua, the Righteous One, our Deliverer and Savior.

In Yeshua's name, amen.