



Rendering Judgment and Rescuing

2 Peter 2:4-10a

An Exposition through 2 Peter: Established in the Truth

What is the **goal** of all **false** teaching?

The goal is to **deceptively undermine** the process of your personal holiness (of you becoming more like Jesus) by:

- Appealing to your **flesh** (sensuality, pride, entitlement, etc.)
- Attacking Godly **desires** (humility, teachable spirit, self-denial)
- Preoccupying your mind with **earthly** things (Jesus-plus)
- Creating **idol** worship (god replacements you depend on)
- Encouraging **judging** (discontentment, grumbling, finding fault)
- Directing your hope **away from** Jesus as Lord and Savior

What is the **goal** of all **sound/true** doctrine?

“**Goal**” (*telos*) = **end**; “the state of affairs that a plan is intended to achieve.”

- **Love** (*agape*): selfless, others-centered, sacrificial
- Flowing from a **pure heart**: undivided, loyal, true, clean
- And a **good conscience**: an upright, godly, honorable moral center
- And a **sincere faith**: an unhypocritical, genuine trust in Jesus

THREE FOUNDATIONAL FACTS ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS

- I. False Teachers Are Among Us (2 Peter 2:1)**
- II. Many People Follow Them (2 Peter 2:2)**
- III. Many People are Exploited (2 Peter 2:2)**

GOD'S SOVEREIGN RESPONSES TO FALSE TEACHERS

Peter gives us **three examples** of God acting as **sovereign judge** and **two examples** of God acting as **sovereign Redeemer**.

Each of these are based on God's actions in the **past**.

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B. The second example of **ancient apathy**

- The people of Noah's day are labeled by the Holy Spirit as **ungodly**: "destitute of reverential awe towards God, condemning God, impious"*
- Lacking **reverential awe** towards God -- not holding God in high and holy **reverence in your heart** -- brings about God's judgment.

*Source: *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon*

I. God's Sovereign Response as Righteous **Judge** (2 Peter 2:4)

C. The third example of **ancient avarice**

- These **ungodly** people "*are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.*" (Jude 7)

II. God's Sovereign Response as Righteous Redeemer (Rescuer)

A. The example of **Noah** (2 Peter 2:5)

B. The example of **Lot** (2 Peter 2:7-8)

III. God's Sovereign Revelation to Rescue Us (2 Peter 2:9)

Rescue, godly, and temptation tell you three significant things about God and His plan for you concerning false teachers/doctrine:

- *Rescue*: to deliver, to keep free from harm
- *Godly*: God-worshippers, those belonging to God, the devout towards God
- *Temptation*: test or trial; the idea of a **test to prove fault**

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But as God's **child in the faith**, you live under a very different and more **lifegiving** promise.

False teachers and false doctrine are **not** more powerful to define and shape your life than the grace of God in Christ.

Look to Jesus, **learn** the fear of the Lord, and **live** in the joy, hope, and peace of your Redeemer, Rescuer, and Deliverer.

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