

# Rendering Judgement and Rescuing

2 Peter 2:4-10a

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

The goal is to **deceptively undermine** the process of your personal holiness, of you becoming increasingly like Jesus, of you loving the Lord from your heart **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,” hence, “goal.” What is the result, end, outcome, or goal of all sound biblical instruction?

- **Love** (*agape*): characterized as 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

False teachers **deceptively** mix the truth of God with their own unsound, **man-centered** teachings to poison your heart and draw it away from a genuine, pure, and growing devotion to Christ.

# THREE FOUNDATIONAL FACTS ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS

## I. False Teachers Are Among Us (2 Peter 2:1)

- They are the *pseudoprophētai* and the *pseudodidaskaloi* who teach what is **contrary** to **sound** doctrine.

## II. Many People Follow Them (2 Peter 2:2)

- These men are masters at appealing to the flesh.

## III. Many People are Exploited (2 Peter 2:2)

## ***GOD'S SOVEREIGN RESPONSES TO FALSE TEACHERS***

In verses 4-10a, 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**.

- I. **God's Sovereign Response as Righteous Judge** (2 Peter 2:4)
  - A. The first example of **angelic arrogance**

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

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

- "...and (since God) did not spare the **ancient world**...when He brought a **flood** upon the world of the **ungodly**..."
- The people of Noah's day are labeled by the Holy Spirit as **ungodly**: "destitute of reverential awe towards God, condemning God, impious"\*



## 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**: 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**

God knows how to **deliver you** as His child from all the trials and temptations of this life which would otherwise bind you in the ungodliness deserving of His punishment.

Look to Jesus in **faith**.

Learn the **fear** of the Lord.

Live in the **favor** of the Lord...

And enjoy God's **faithfulness** to you as His child.

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