

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for September 3-4, 2005

"The Conduct of False Teachers"

2 Peter 2:1-3

1. Their development (2:1)

Both false prophets and false teachers arise from within.

Some tests of a false prophet:

- Do they teach God's Word (Isaiah 8:19-20)?
- Do they live righteously (Matthew 7:15-20)?
- Do they utter false prophecies (Deut. 18:22)?
- Do they have miraculous signs of confirmation (Hebrews 2:3-4; 2 Cor. 12:12)?
- Are they 2,000 years old?

False prophets have been replaced by false teachers.

2. Their destructiveness (2:1)

- Their means is secrecy
- The manner is solicitation
- Their motive is self-will

3. Their doctrine (2:1)

- They deny the person of Christ (Mt. 7:21-22; 1 John 4:1-3)
- They deny the work of Christ (Galatians 1:8)

This verse teaches unlimited atonement.

4. Their destruction (2:1)

- Their destruction is sudden
- Their destruction is self-induced

5. Their disciple-making (2:2)

- They are popular We cannot judge the success of a ministry by its popularity.
- They are perverted We can judge the failure of a ministry by its people.

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6. Their disrepute (2:2)

Those who identify themselves with the Lord are responsible for how the world speaks of God because of their life (Romans 2:24; Titus 2:5, 8; Ezekiel 36:22-23).

7. Their desires (2:3)

The word "exploit" simply means, "to carry on a business." It becomes exploitation when it uses misrepresentation.

8. Their damnation (2:3)

- It is planned
- It is promised

False teaching is a big deal.