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| 1 | Preventing Apostasy - Fear & Trembling  2 Peter Chapter 2 & Jeremiah |
| 2 | **Why did Israel turn away in continual apostasy?** (Jeremiah 8:4-5)  **Peter warns of those who would lead Christians into apostasy in 2 Peter 2.** There **always have been** & **always will be** as long as our adversary fights us!  Jeremiah Chapter 8:4-5; cf., 2 Thessalonians 2:3  **What is apostasy?**   * Hebrew word means “**a turning away, a turning back**… a backsliding” (Thayer) through action or inaction. * Greek word “apostasia” meaning “**defection from truth**” (Strong), “**a falling away**”. “A defection or revolt”. |
| 3 | **Apostasy Can Be Averted!**  We don’t have to just sit and watch it happen!  **That’s why Paul warned the Ephesian elders** in Acts 20:29-30 and **later wrote the Epistle** to them (Ephesians 4:14; 6:10ff)  **That’s why Paul spent so much time warning Timothy & Titus**! (1 Timothy 1:3; 6:3, 20-21;  2 Timothy 2:15-18; 4:2-4; Titus 2:1)  **The book of Hebrews** is in many ways a letter about **preventing apostasy**.  (Hebrews 2:1; 3:12-15; 6:1-6) |
| 4 | **Learning from Peter the need for fear & Trembling**  **2 Peter Ch. 2 - ways to prevent apostasy.**  **2 Peter 2:10-11**, *“****Daring, self-willed****,* ***they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties…****”*  **Godly fear & trembling will help prevent apostasy**! **Without, it is unrestrained.** (Psalms 36:1-4; Romans 1:18ff; 3:10-18) |
| 5 | **It is the *“whole duty of Man”*** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14  (Ecclesiastes 3:14; 8:11-12)  Begins with believing ***“He is…”*** and ***“a rewarder”*** (Hebrews 11:6)  **It’s at the very core of what God seeks from man.** (Deuteronomy 10:12-14)  We cannot separate **fear & reverence for God** from fear & reverence **for His word**. (Isaiah 66:1-2) |
| 6 | **What does it mean to Tremble at His word?**  **Jeremiah** prophesied **during the reign of King Josiah** and spoke of their lack of reverence for God’s word. (Jeremiah 2:19; 5:24; 36:23-24)  **Note what Kings were supposed to do**! (Deuteronomy 17:18-19; 31:10-13; 6:1-9)  Josiah’s reign began with the **“book” of the Law lost** out of sheer neglect. (2 Kings 22:8)  **Josiah** had the book read to him and he “*tore his clothes*” (**trembled**). (vs. 11) |
| 7 | **Mere “trembling” Is Not Enough…**  (James 2:19-20; Acts 24:25 KJV)  We must be **persuaded to act**!  (2 Corinthians 5:10; cf., Psalms 4:4; 96:9)  As **in the beginning**. (Acts 2:43; 5:11; 9:31; 16:29)  **Have we lost our sense of reverence for His word**? (1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 5:6; 2 Tim. 2:15; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Malachi 2:1-5) |
| 8 | **Mere “trembling” Is Not Enough…**  **Stop looking for exceptions** as to why it doesn’t apply. (Mark 7:9; James 1:19-21)  **Not just approach academically** but **making application**... Becoming an *“****effectual doer****”.* (James 1:22-25)  **Respect its’ power, purity and silence**!  (Romans 1:16, Acts 15:24; Galatians 1:6-9) |
| 9 | **What does it mean to Tremble at His word?**  **Appreciate and defend its’ accuracy and completeness.** (Jude 3; Galatians 1:6-9)  **Commitment to persistently and lovingly preach and teach all of it**! (2 Timothy 4:1-3; Acts 20:27; Jeremiah 20:7-9; 26:2; 36:23-32)  **Regardless of the results**. (2 Peter 2:5; 2 Kings 23 |
| 10 | **What does it mean to Tremble at His word?**  **Be impressed! Have faith!** (1 Cor. 2:10-13; Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)  **Don’t take for granted**! (Amos 8:12)  **Seek His word diligently with a tender heart!** (2 Kings 22:19; 1Chronicles 28:9)  **Make the effort… spend the time**… **avoid minimums… eat it up!** (2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 3:16; Luke 10:41-42) |
| 11 | Future Lessons From 2nd Peter 2 regarding preventing apostasy   * Consequences * Be bold & w/o hypocrisy * Be spiritually minded * Contentment * Trusting God’s judgment * Respect God’s authority * Humility and submission * Reason & persuasion * Knowledge |