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| 1 | **Preventing Apostasy -  Trusting God’s Righteous Judgment**  **2 Peter Chapter 2** |
| 2 | **Continual Apostasy (Jeremiah 8:4-5)**  **Peter warns of those who would lead Christians into apostasy in 2 Peter 2.**  **What is apostasy? In the** OT: “**a turning away, a turning back**… a backsliding” (Thayer) through action or inaction.   * In the NT; “**defection from truth**” (Strong), “**a falling away**”. “A defection or revolt”. (Vine) |
| 3 | ***The need for fear & trembling***  **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.** (Isaiah 66:1-2; Jeremiah 2:19; 5:24; 36:23-24; Deuteronomy 17:18-19; 31:10-13; 6:1-9;  Psalms 36:1-4; Romans 1:18ff; 3:10-18) |
| 4 | ***The need to be watchful & alert***  2 Peter 2:1-3 warns *“****false teachers****… will* ***secretly******introduce******destructive heresies****…”*  **That’s why Paul warned the Ephesian elders** in Acts 20:29-30 to *“****be on guard for******yourselves and******all the flock****”.*   * ***“Savage wolves”*** (in sheep’s clothing) will seek to devour and “***from among your own selves men will arise… to draw away the disciples***.” * *“****Be on the alert****…* ***admonish*** *with tears…* ***commend*** *to* ***God*** *and the* ***word*** *of His grace.* |
| 5 | ***The need to trust the judgement of the Lord…***  As sojourners & pilgrims, we must entrust our souls to a ***“faithful Creator in doing what is right.”***  (1 Peter 4:19; 2 Timothy 1:12)  Though many advocate otherwise (2 Peter 3:3-4) & we must have faith that th**ere is a purpose to our faithfulness** in ***“the end”*** in spite of the trials and tribulations. (1 Corinthians 15:24; 1 Peter 4:7; Psalms 73:17; Jer. 5:31) |
| 6 | ***The Lord Knows How To Rescue The Godly***  In 2 Peter 2, Peter points out that we must remember that the **God we serve is a righteous judge**.   * **God does not spare angels** who sin. (vs. 4) * **God did not spare the *“ancient world”*** but **preserved Noah & his family**. (vs. 5) * **God condemned/judged Sodom** but **rescued Lot**. (vs. 6-8) |
| 7 | ***The Lord will make a separation***  “*Then* ***the Lord knows how to rescue the godly****… and to* ***keep the unrighteous under punishment****… for the day of judgment*.” (vs. 9)  We must believe there will be **an eternal separation**! (Matthew 13:40-43)   * **A separation of the sheep and the goats**. (Matthew 25:31ff; “…**He will separate them** (all the nations) from one another…” |
| 8 | ***The separation will be “righteous” and Just***  **For the godly and the wicked**. (Romans 2:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; cf., 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)  Each will be “***recompensed***” according to our deeds. (Matthew 16:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10)  ***“My judgement is just…”*** (John 5:30; 8:16; 2 Timothy 4:8)  **The Lord will have something to say to each that day!** |
| 9 | ***What will be said on that day?***  ***“Depart from Me accursed ones, into the eternal fire … prepared for the devil and his angels.” -*** Matthew 25:41)  **Those told to “*depart*”, (lit. “go away”)** arethose who…   * **Didn’t serve others.** (Matthew 25:41) * **Didn’t respond** to the gospel. (Luke 13:27) * **Did what they wanted** to do. (Matthew 7:21-23)   ***“Accursed ones”*** - those given over to doom.  ***“I never knew you… I do not know where you are from…”*** (Matt. 7:23; Luke 13:25, 27; cf., 2 Tim. 2:19) |
| 10 | ***What will be said on that day?***  ***“You wicked, lazy slave… throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth*”**. (Matthew 25:26, 30)  **Those told to “*depart*”, those who…**   * **Didn’t serve others.** (Matthew 25:41) * **Didn’t respond** to the gospel. (Luke 13:27) * **Did what they wanted** to do. (Matthew 7:21-23)   ***“Accursed ones”*** - those given over to doom. |
| 11 | ***What will be said on that day?***  ***“Well done, good and faithful servant… enter into the joy of your master”*** (Matthew 25:21)  What was “***well done***”? In Matt. 25:16 the word ***“traded”*** means: **“to toil as a task, occupation”** (Strong); **“to work”** (Thayer)(Mark 14:6; Luke 13:14; John 6:27-28; 1 Corinthians 4:12; Ephesians 4:28; Colossians 3:23)  The 5 and 2 talent **servants** went to work & were “***faithful servants***”. What about the 1 talent servant?  **Preventing apostasy depends on our commitment to work**, knowing our labor is not in vain.  (1 Corinthians 15:58) |
| 12 | ***What will be said on that day?***  ***“Come you who are blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you****.”* (Matthew 25:34)  **If we *“come”* to Him and respond to the invitation.**(Matthew 11:28; 22:4)   * ***“Inherit”*** (be an heir; Romans 8:17) what God prepared for the godly. When? * **Preventing apostasy depends on focusing on our inheritance**. (Acts 20:32; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Ephesians 1:18-19) |

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