

God Knows How...

2 Peter 2:1-3

- 1: false teachers. 1 Co.6:20
- 2: many casualties. Growth needed
- 3: motive: money. 1 Tim.6:10
- 3: false hope. Delay makes some think they escaped
 - Not idle
 - Not slumber

DANGER

1: among you: secretly bring in

3: exploit you: deceptive words

DOCTRINE

1: deny Lord: attack Savior

2: blaspheme way of truth: attack Scripture

3: deceptive words: attack saints

DESTINY

1: destructive heresies: doctrine

2: destructive ways: conduct

3: destruction does not slumber: judgment

2 Peter 2:4-9

- Three examples illustrate God's Judgment
- Two examples illustrate His deliverance

I. God Knows How To Judge The Wicked

1. Angels, 4

- Sinned (Jude 6)
 - Not immune because of . . .

RANK

POWER

DIGNITY

- Cast down to hell

To confine in Tartarus, a place lower than Hades, reserved for most wicked humans, gods, demons.

Jews eventually used term to describe place where fallen angels were sent (book of Enoch).

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- Cast down to hell
- Reserved for judgment (Jude 6)

And suddenly they cried out, saying,
“What have we to do with You, Jesus,
You Son of God? Have You come here
to torment us before the time?” – Mt.8:29

1. Angels, 4

2. Ancient world, 5

Does GREAT NUMBER exempt them from punishment?

‘Do you think you and your little group are only ones who are saved?’

How would Noah respond?

Mt.7:13-14 – choose wrong way, lost, then blame others? (2 Pt.2:5)

1. Angels, 4

2. Ancient world, 5

- Did not spare.
 - No one sins with impunity. Mt.7
- Ungodly.
 - Irreverent, impious, without reverence for God.
 - Gn.7:16...23.
 - Mt.25:10-12 – Rv.3:20.

1. Angels, 4

2. Ancient world, 5

3. Sodom and Gomorrah, 6-9

Do EARTHLY BLESSINGS imply
God's approval? (Gn.13:10-11)

- Reduce to ashes. Gn.19:29
- Condemned to destruction (extinct).
- Making them an example (pattern).
 - Shows others what to expect. Jd.7

23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. **24** But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you” – Mt.11

29 And as Isaiah said before, “Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we would have become like Sodom and we would have been made like Gomorrhah” – Ro.9

I. God Knows How To Judge The Wicked

II. God Knows How
To Deliver The Righteous

1. Noah, 5

Through no fault of his own,
surrounded by heathen world

- God saved Noah. 1 Pt.3:20-21
 - Faithful to God in spite of world in sin. 1 Pt.4:1-4
- Preacher of righteousness.

Concerned with souls of others.

They: no concern for own souls.

1. Noah, 5

2. Lot, 7-9

Through fault of his own,
surrounded by heathen

- 7: righteous – he did not conform.
- 7: oppressed – he was very troubled.
- 8: grieved – tortured, tormented.
 - a. **World.** Gn.19:9
 - b. **Church.** 1 Co.5
 - c. **Self.** I will answer to God for ME

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- 9: godly – endured; was delivered.

Lot's family was not so strong

Lessons

1. 8: greener grass is deceitful (Gn.13)
2. 9: Christian: no insurance against trials
 - a. Noah: 120 years hard labor
 - b. Lot: deliverance does not erase consequences of sin, influences
3. 9: Lord keeps unrighteous under punishment, awaiting Judgment. 3:5