



The Corruption of False Teachers

Part Three: "Their Incarceration" 2 Peter 2:17-22

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

The Identity of False Teacher...

The Iniquity of False Teachers:

The 'freedom' these false teachers offer doesn't work because it assumes there is no final judgment (Rev. 20:12), or that there is no ultimate authority (Is. 45:18), or that there is no final accounting (Jn. 5:29) or that "we" are free to pursue our own desires (James 1:15).

TODAY'S STUDY SECTION

The Incarceration of False Teachers

NOTE: We are going to contrast the bondage that sin brings vs. the freedom that our Savior brings.

1. Sin's promise of freedom is empty.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 2:17, NASB95 -¹⁷ These [false teachers and false prophets] are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness [this word "darkness" refers to both a physical darkness (Hell) and a spiritual darkness (implying ignorance) "They think they are right, but they are wrong—dead wrong)] has been reserved.

- Springs without water
- Mists driven by a storm
- Black darkness

2 Peter 2:17, NLT -¹⁷ These people are as useless as dried-up springs or as mist blown away by the wind. They are doomed to blackest darkness.

2. Sin's promise of freedom is enticing.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 2:18, NASB95 -¹⁸ For speaking out arrogant words of vanity [Lit. "empty"] they entice [we get our English word "lure" from this Greek word; meaning "to lure, entice, or trap with bait" ((ATR)] by fleshly desires, by sensuality, [Gk: ἀσελγεια (a-SELL-gee-ah) gives us our concept of a drug, lit., unbridled lust], those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

False teaching, indeed, is never set forth in its naked deformity, lest, being thus exposed, it should at once be detected. But it is craftily decked out in an attractive dress, so as, by its outward form, to make it appear to the inexperienced (ridiculous as the expression may seem) more true than the truth itself...and the gullible—so enticed—gobbles it up with disastrous regularity.
– Irenaeus of Lyons (died in 202 AD)

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool; shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is a child; teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep; wake him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise; follow him.

- Persian Proverb

3. Sin's promise of freedom is ensnaring.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 2:19–22, NASB95 -¹⁹ promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves [lit., in bondage] of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved [lit., in bondage] ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge [experiential knowledge] of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled [lit., ensnared on a hook] in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. ²¹ For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment [the Gospel commandment to 'repent, surrender and believe' on Jesus Christ] handed on to them. ²² It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire." [POINT: They're gross!]

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

Last Week: Sin's Promise of Freedom that in reality is Bondage.

The Bondage that in Christ is Freedom.

A. Have a mind captivated by "the way of righteousness."

2 Peter 2:20, NLT -²⁰ And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

B. Have a heart captured by our Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 2:21, NIV84 -²¹ ...the way of righteousness...[is] the sacred command that was passed on to [us]. [ie., 'repent, surrender and believe' in the Lord Jesus Christ!]