

“2nd Peter #4”

2nd Peter 2:1-11 (False prophets and teachers in the church)

Review: 2nd Peter 1:12-21 (Last week)

- Peter talks about his upcoming death and the urgency to remind and warn them of things to come.
- **V16 (ESV)** *“We did not follow cleverly devised myths... We were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”*
- We heard the voice from heaven. *“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”*
- **V19** *“We have the prophetic word confirmed...”*
- **V21** *“For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man.” (ESV)*

Paul:

1st Corinthians 1:17-18 *“Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

Tonight’s Text: 2nd Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV)

Philippians 3:1-3 (NKJV) Read... *“Beware of (dogs and evil workers) false teachers and prophets, beware of the mutilation... we are the circumcision, who worship God in spirit, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”*

- We are of the circumcision of the heart.
 - Everything flows from the heart.
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- The problem we face: **V2** is that many within the church will follow their destructive ways.
 - How do they do it? **V3** *“By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words.”*
 - **(ESV & NASB)** *“In their greed they will exploit you with false words.”*

The way I read this is: *(In their greed... they will appeal to your greed or your flesh to lead you astray.)*

2nd Peter 2:18... next week

1 Timothy 6:3-6a Read

Text: 2nd Peter 2:4-11 Read

Jude 3 – 8

- These scriptures are pretty plain... God will judge false prophets and teachers who lead believers astray.

Jude 3 *“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.”*

- V9... The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations...

1st Corinthians 10:12 – 13

“Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall, no temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear (endure) it.”

- What’s the operative phrase?... Who’s doing the verbs?... **(God)**
- **God is faithful**, He will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability... and He will give you a way of escape!

Acts 3:18-19 *“Those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that the times of refreshing may come from the presents of the Lord.*