

WARNINGS FROM GOD

Intro.

- I. In 2 Pet. 2, Peter gives 3 warnings: from angels, humans, and animals.
 - A. But, **before** these warnings, he gives another warning, as Reasons for the three.
 - B. He begins the chapter by warning about the danger of “false teachers”.
 - 1. He reminds them of the *consistency* of “false prophets”. v.1
 - 2. Then, he declares the prophecy of coming “false teachers” in our time. v.1
- II. Before we look at the warnings of this chapter from angels, humans and animals we need to look at the false teachers themselves, that make these warnings necessary.

Discussion

I. 1st, there are ALWAYS false teachers from WITHOUT.

- A. In the OT, there were false prophets who were “against” the Israel of God. Cf 1Ki.18:20-40...
- B. In the NT record, there are false teachers who are against the truth.
 - 1. False teachers existed in the church in NT times. Ac.15:5,24
 - 2. Satan works to keep his “own” from obedience and salvation. Mt. 13:24-28, 36-39; Lk.8:10f...

II. 2nd, there are ALWAYS false teachers from WITHIN.

- A. One would think that once a person learned the truth, he would want to STAY with it, but “NO”, some see how they can gain a following for *personal gain*. Ac.20:29f; 2Pe.2:3,18; Ac.8:5-13; cf 2Co.11:13-15; 1Tim.4:1-3; Ro.16:17f...
- B. Now, let's note **how** Peter characterizes these false teachers.
 - 1. They work privately, and are sneaky. v.1
 - 2. They bring damnable heresies. v.1
 - 3. They deny the Lord that bought them. v. 1; Ac.20:28; 1Co.6:20; Mt.10:32f 1Ti.2:12
 - 4. They destroy themselves. v.1; 3:15
 - 5. They lead people astray. v.2; Mt.13:15
 - 6. They oppose the way of truth. v.2
 - a. “The way” refers to the *church*. Ac.8:3; 9:2
 - b. The “truth” is the *word*. Jn.17:17
 - 7. Their motive is covetousness. v.3
 - 8. They use feigned words. (Gr. *plastos*=fabricated, deceptive. Cf NKJ)
 - 9. Their judgment is coming. v.3
 - 10. Their damnation is awaiting them. v.3

Conclusion

- I. Now, in our next lesson we are going to look at the 3 warnings God gives: from *angels*, *humans* and *animals*.
- II. Exhortation.