

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.