



Review

In chapter 1 Peter has explained to us the growing nature of faith in the true knowledge of God and that the source of the true knowledge of God is found in the apostolic teachings of the gospel that are now found in the New Testament and the prophetic teachings found in the Old Testament. In chapter 2 he warns us of the destructiveness of false teachings about God. First, he reveals to us the characteristics of false teachers, then he reveals the condemnation of false teachers.

2 Peter 2:1-10

1. Characteristics of False Teachers (1-3)

- A Secret Certainty (1)

How does Peter transition from the prophecy of Scripture (v20-21) to contemporary false teachers?

- Destructive Heresies (1)

To whom are the heresies destructive?

- Evil Behavior (2-3)

Why does behavior factor into the destructiveness of false teachers?

2. Condemnation of False Teachers (4-10a)

- Examples of God's Judgment in the Past (4-8)

What examples does Peter give of God's judgment?

- The Lord will Rescue the Godly and Punish the Ungodly (9-10a)

How does this give the believer hope?



Application Discussion

What should we look out for to recognize false teachers?

What can you do, to become better at distinguishing 'true' teachers from false teachers (1:16-21)?