

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 2
Lesson 29
EXAMPLES OF FALSE TEACHERS [2]
The World of the Ungodly in Noah's Day

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Three examples of false teachers are given in Second Peter 2.

The first example given is the concerning the angels that rebelled, with Satan as their leader. The warning is that false teachers will teach you to love and exalt yourself—instead of loving the Lord, loving others, and humbling yourself as the Bible teaches.

The second example points us to the days of Noah. Today we'll find out what we need to watch out for according to this warning.

PREACHING TOPICS AVAILABLE TO NOAH:

GENESIS 3:15-22 Noah could preach that man had fallen into sin. Man had been driven from the garden. And yet, God in grace and God in mercy had promised that one day—the Seed of the woman would come and bruise the head of the one that misled the man and deceived the woman and brought about that fall.

This is the same message we preach today because the results of that sin still prevails in this sin cursed world. Sin still separates us from God, but God sent a redeemer to pay for that sin—and one day He'll return to bruise the head of the serpent.

GENESIS 4:2-7 Noah could preach that the way to God was not by works, not by good deeds, but through the blood of a lamb, by the example of Abel's offering, which was accepted by God—and Cain's offering, which was rejected.

GENESIS 4:11-13 Noah could preach about the God of judgment by telling the account of how God dealt with Cain after he killed his brother Abel. God will do something about your sin.

GENESIS 4:15 Noah could preach about the mark that God put on Cain's body indicating that judgment belongs to God. This mark warned men not to take judgment into their own hands. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, sayeth the Lord" (Romans 12:19).

Noah could preach "**The wages of sin is death!**"

GENESIS 6:5-6 God saw the sin in the world and it GRIEVED him! "The earth was filled with violence" (vs. 11). Violence means to violate the righteous principles of God.

God must be grieved with us when we get so used to the sin in the world that it no longer affects us. Christians aren't witnessing like they should. They're not preaching against sin the way they should and telling people what's right and what's wrong and that God is going to punish what is wrong.

GENESIS 5:3-22 From Adam to Methuselah there are only 2 generations. Adam was still alive when Methuselah was born. Noah had preaching material that went all the way back to the Garden through the accounts told by those who knew Adam.

JUDE 14-15

Before Enoch was translated to heaven, he was preaching about the coming judgment that was going to fall upon all the ungodly. Enoch prepared the way for Noah's preaching just like John the Baptist did for Jesus Christ. But the people ignored his preaching the same way people ignore the gospel when it's preached today.

HEBREWS 11:5

Enoch was "not found." That means the people were looking for him. They took notice after he was gone—just like people will take notice after the Church is raptured out of this world.

The Bible says Enoch "**pleased God.**" He obviously didn't please the people of his community, but it was immensely more important to him that he please God, so he continued to preach righteousness to the "ungodly." We should never aim to please people who hate God.

GENESIS 6:3

God's Holy Spirit had been STRIVING with man. That means when man is trying to go the wrong way, the Holy Spirit is pressing and pushing and hindering and interfering with that man to try to keep him from ruining his life.

Enoch preached what was right. Noah preached what was right. The Holy Spirit strove with men to push them the right way. But even when the animals started showing up and assembling in the ark, the people weren't convinced. Why? False teachers had taught them not to worry about it.

LUKE 17:26

MATTHEW 24:37-39 The people of Noah's day were doing ordinary things that people still do today; eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage. The problem was that they had wholly devoted their lives to those activities—while no time was given to the things of God. They focused completely on the comforts and necessities of this life and neglected the need to prepare themselves and others for eternity.

Today all the Christian programs on the radio and TV focus on getting healed, getting rich, getting comforted in tough times, etc. They never preach about the sin of lying, gossiping, or righteousness. Why? Because the listeners won't support the program if the program doesn't make them feel good. So, you'll never hear "the whole counsel of God" on the air today.

People today find it very easy to simply ignore the person preaching the gospel. They don't even bother to curse, swear, or physically harm the preacher on the street. They've mastered the art of pretending he's not there. These are the days of Noah.

False teachers make the necessary compromises with the Word of God and then give the people what they want. But they do it to make merchandise of the people. Their churches are there to entertain the people and give them something fun to do, but there's nobody doing anything for the Lord or for the lost.

THE WARNING OF NOAH'S DAY IS THIS: watch out for false teachers who tell you that we shouldn't preach against ungodliness and we shouldn't preach righteousness because people don't want to hear it. If they change God's message to attract the crowds and cause them to ignore the truth, they're false teachers and they're dangerous.
