

THE LORD KNOWS HOW TO RESCUE AND PUNISH

2 Peter 2:1-22

Key Verse: 2:9

“...if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.”

1. What warning does Peter give (1)? How do false teachers seduce believers? What do the words “denying the sovereign Lord” mean? How will some people respond to them (2)? What are their motives (1,3)? What consequences await them?
2. How did God reveal his justice toward angels who sinned (4; Jude 6)? How did God deal with ungodly people and Noah in the ancient world (5)? In what way was Noah different (Gen 6:8-9,22; Heb 11:7)? Why did God protect him?
3. How did God make an example of Sodom and Gomorrah (6)? What was Peter’s understanding of Lot (7-8)? What do the preceding events reveal about the Lord’s character (9)? What assurance does this give us regarding the godly and false teachers?
4. How does Peter characterize false teachers in terms of their attitude, behavior and its consequences (10-19)? What attracts people to them (18-19)? What is wrong with the freedom they promise (19)? What warning does Peter give to false teachers (20-22)?