

The Emptiness of False Teaching

2 Peter 2:10-17

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I. The unclean and proud. 2 Peter 2:10-11

- **Presumptuous** = lit. a daring man.
- **Self willed** = lit. self pleasing and _____.
- **Not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries** = lit. to speak reproachfully, rail at, revile, _____.

Peter is referring to godly angels who will not dare speak against the _____ angels.

- We are called to resist the devil, but we should be very careful to remember it is Jesus we need, to do our _____ and rebuking.

II. The depravity of fleshly men. 2 Peter 2:12-14

These false teachers taught of things that they themselves do not even _____ about.

- These men were a black eye to Christianity, not only because of their teaching, but also because of their _____ living.

III. Following Balaam. 2 Peter 2:15-16

What was Balaam's sin? He was willing to disobey the Lord for _____ and lead others into sin as well.

- "Not only is the false teacher's outlook controlled by his passions, but his heart is controlled by covetousness. He is in _____ to lust for pleasure and money!" (Wiersbe)

IV. Empty wells. 2 Peter 2:17

In **Matthew 5:6** the Lord tells us we should hunger and thirst for things He can offer that will satisfy our deepest _____.

- The Pharisees added to God's Word, but the Sadducees _____ from the Word of God.

V. Practical Application.

As Christ followers, we must be _____ not to change the meaning of God's Word; but to love and respect it to the extent when fake doctrine comes along we recognize it immediately.

- Similar to the way eating junk food can dull a physical appetite; trying to satisfy our souls with things not of the Lord can dull our _____ appetite.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **2 Peter 2:10-11**. Discuss the traits of the unclean and proud men mentioned in these verses.
Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 16:18, James 4:6, 1 John 2:16, Psalm 10:4
2. Why should Christians not rebuke Satan or demons in their own power?
Jude 8-9, Matthew 4:10, Ephesians 6:10-12, Zachariah 3:2
3. What should our attitudes be toward authority figures? Why? What if we disagree with them?
4. Tolerance is encouraged today. When should Christians not be tolerant?
5. How do apostates attract people to their wrong teaching? How can we become stable Christians, not attracted to false teachers? What motivates false teachers?
6. Discuss the sin of Balaam.
Numbers 22
7. How do you think you should deal with the presence of false teachers in our world?
8. What does true hunger for the Lord look like?
John 4:13-14, John 6:35, Isaiah 55:1, James 4:8, Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 12:1-2
9. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.

(Some question taken from Warren Wiersbe)