

“The Lord Knows How to Rescue the Godly”

Intro: In our text today, just as Jesus had done with Peter approximately thirty five years earlier (Matt. 24 & 25), Peter expounds on the dangers of _____ teachers and the surety of their _____, while assuring believers of God’s _____ and salvific _____ for them!

II Peter 2:4-10a

I. The Certainty of God’s _____ Upon the _____.

A. _____, whether they be in the heavens, on the earth, or under the earth, or angelic or human is _____ from the righteous judgement of God!

1. God’s just _____ exempts no evil doer for He “did not spare _____ when they sinned, ...”

a. God “... cast them into hell” This phrase “cast them into hell” is from the one word “Tartarus.” It is the Greek name for “the subterranean _____, the netherworld dungeon.”

b. God “... committed them to pits of _____ ...” Tartarus is a place of utter darkness where there is no physical nor spiritual light. It is the place of deepest darkness, lostness, and _____!

c. God has the angels who sinned “reserved for _____.”

d. God will _____ evil doers!

B. _____ evil doer will _____ God’s wrath.

1. God’s just _____ is so exhaustive that He did not spare any part of the ancient _____.

a. God Himself “... _____ a _____ upon the [entire] world of the ungodly ...”

C. All evil doers will realize the _____ of God’s wrath.

1. God’s just _____ is so _____ that it reduces evil doers to ashes - to complete and utter destruction!

D. Now, church, if no _____ is exempt from God’s judgement, nor can escape His wrath, but will indeed realize the extent of His wrath, then we know (according to verses 9 & 10) that God also knows how “to keep the unrighteous under _____ for the day of judgment, and *especially those* who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.”

1. When Peter mentions “*especially those* who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority,” he is directly referring to _____ and their certain doom.

II. The Certainty of God’s _____ of the _____.

A. Just as _____ as God rescued all the godly in the past, He will _____ all the godly in the future.

1. The _____ knows how to rescue us for He _____ Noah and family.

2. Church, let us take comfort in this: Just as _____ Lot and took notice, He sees all His people and _____!

3. The _____ knows how to rescue us for He _____ Lot from temptation; and then He rescued him from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. And _____, He will rescue us!

Closing:

Malachi 3:16-4:3

16 Then those who feared the _____ spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

17 "And they will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I _____ them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

18 So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."

2 "But for _____ My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

3 "And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing," says the LORD of hosts.

Church, blessed is the name of the Lord, for He is our God and His salvation is sure! Know this, where there is a people to be saved, _____ them!

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