

## “Characteristics of False Teachers” Pt. II - “Mists Driven by a Storm”

Intro: As we read this morning’s text, we find the Apostle Peter writing to refute those who contradict the truth of God by presenting a \_\_\_\_\_ by which we are enabled to identify \_\_\_\_\_ teachers.

A. This passage of Scripture is meant to give us good \_\_\_\_\_ discernment. If we take these verses to heart and make them the lens through which we examine those who claim to be pastor-teachers we will have the tools by which we can accurately \_\_\_\_\_ which teachers are true and which are false.

### II Peter 2:17-22

I. The Apostle Peter Assuredly Advances the Aptitude and Accuracy of our by Awakening us to the Appalling and Abhorrent Applications of the Aggravated Aggressors who Attack According to the Assimilation of the in-Accurate in an Attempt to Accumulate Adherents by Apprehending the Assembly’s Attention. All said, we must Appreciate the Apostle’s Admirable Actions by Accepting his Administration of the Actual as Authoritative and to be Appropriated. \_\_\_\_\_!

A. \_\_\_\_\_ teachers “are springs \_\_\_\_\_ water, and mists driven by a storm, ...”

1. They are like \_\_\_\_\_, they are not what they appear to be.

2. They are like mists driven by a storm that hardly wet the ground for they \_\_\_\_\_ the need.

B. False teachers are those for whom “the blackest \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_!”

1. Having denied the One and Only Christ, they will face the Holy and Almighty God \_\_\_\_\_ The Mediator!

C. They speak “out \_\_\_\_\_ words!”

D. Their words are “words of \_\_\_\_\_.”

E. They \_\_\_\_\_ by fleshly desires, by sensuality, ...”

F. They \_\_\_\_\_ “those who barely escape from the ones who live in error.”

1. Their prime targets are the \_\_\_\_\_ (ungrounded and ill-grounded).

G. They promise freedom while \_\_\_\_\_ themselves \_\_\_\_\_ to corruption.

1. They promise freedom from sin, but their message does not deliver such for their message is false and \_\_\_\_\_ to perform that which only God performs through His Word. And, the proof is that they themselves are \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

2. "No servant can serve \_\_\_\_\_; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You \_\_\_\_\_ serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13).

a. False teachers justify their sin, but in being enslaved to sin their true \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. (Cf. Luke 16:14-15) They are not true believers for \_\_\_\_\_ is their master.

3. As the words "\_\_\_\_\_" of verse 20 indicate, Peter here in verses 20 & 21 presents a hypothetical scenario. Spiros Zodhiates says of the word "if" as employed here: "As such "if" expresses a condition which is merely \_\_\_\_\_ and separate from all experience ..."

a. Church, quit \_\_\_\_\_ to the false teachers to see if they have some good promise of freedom upon which you can rely for they are in \_\_\_\_\_ themselves!

4. "But," that is, in contrast to the hypothetical situation here is the \_\_\_\_\_: a dog is a dog and a sow is a sow. (Cf. Vs. 22)

a. 1 John 2:18-19 says, "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were \_\_\_\_\_ of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not \_\_\_\_\_." False teachers never knew the Lord. They \_\_\_\_\_ they are dirty dogs and defiled pigs by going back to do what dirty dogs and \_\_\_\_\_ pigs do!

**Closing:** What should we \_\_\_\_\_ from this portion of Scripture?

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ this profile of false teachers and implement it as a test by which we can discern according to Scripture which teachers are of God and which are not.

2. And, as we chose to listen to teachers, we \_\_\_\_\_ their words along with their life. And church, be careful of those whose life you cannot test! We must not blindly accept all that labels itself as Christian, but we must carefully \_\_\_\_\_ what we hear and see against the precious Word of God for it is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path!

3. We must determine to refuse to listen to that which is of men, and give ourselves only to that which is of \_\_\_\_\_, "seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become \_\_\_\_\_ of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4).

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