Outline

I. 2 Peter 2:1-3

2 Peter 2:1 (NASB) 1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 Peter 2:2 (NASB) 2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

2 Peter 2:3 (NASB) 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

Outline (continued)

II. 2 Peter 2:4-6

2 Peter 2:4 (NASB) 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

Revelation 12:4 (NASB) 4 And his tail *swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

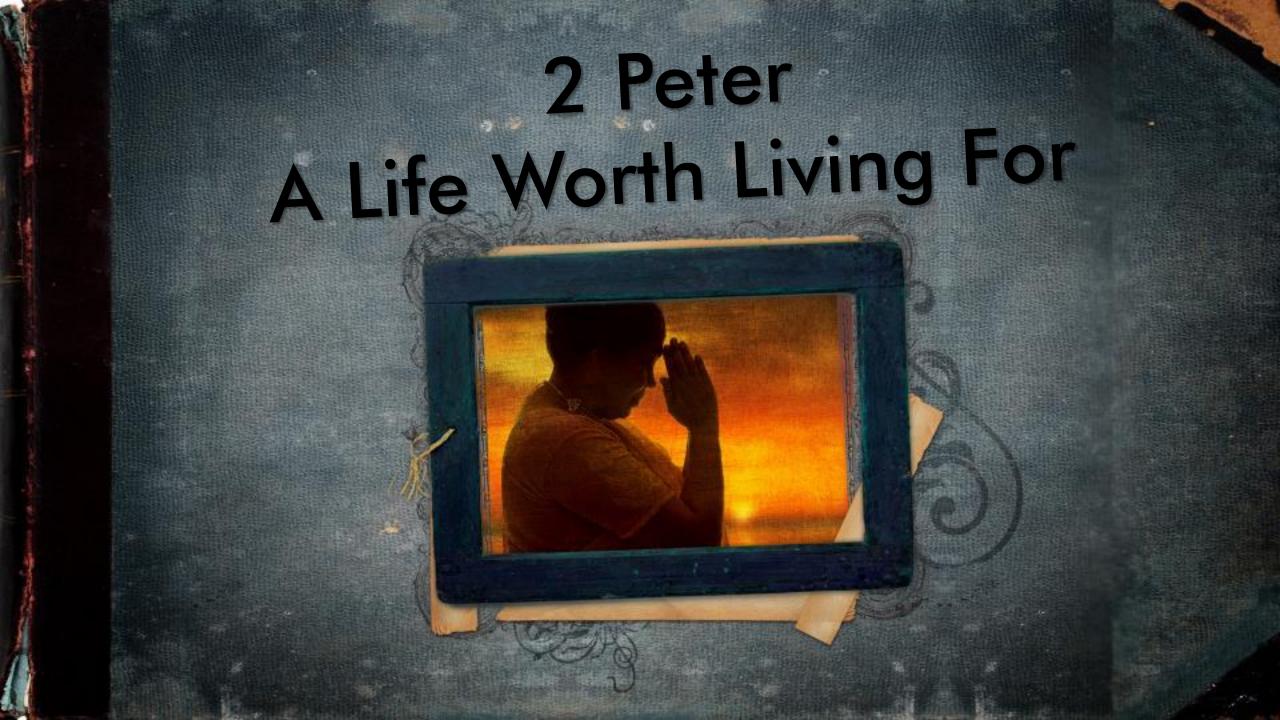
Revelation 12:7-9 (NASB)

- 2 Peter 2:5 (NASB) 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
- 2 Peter 2:6 (NASB) 6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;

Outline (continued)

III. 2 Peter 2:5,7-9

- 2 Peter 2:5 (NASB) 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
- 2 Peter 2:7 (NASB) 7 and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men
- 2 Peter 2:8 (NASB) 8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),
- 2 Peter 2:9 (NASB) 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB) 13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.



False Teaching Leads to False Living

2 Peter 2:1-11 (NASB)



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- I. Destructive TeachingII. Divine Judgment
- 2 Peter 2:1-32 Peter 2:4-6

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- I. Destructive TeachingII. Divine JudgmentIII. Divine Deliverance
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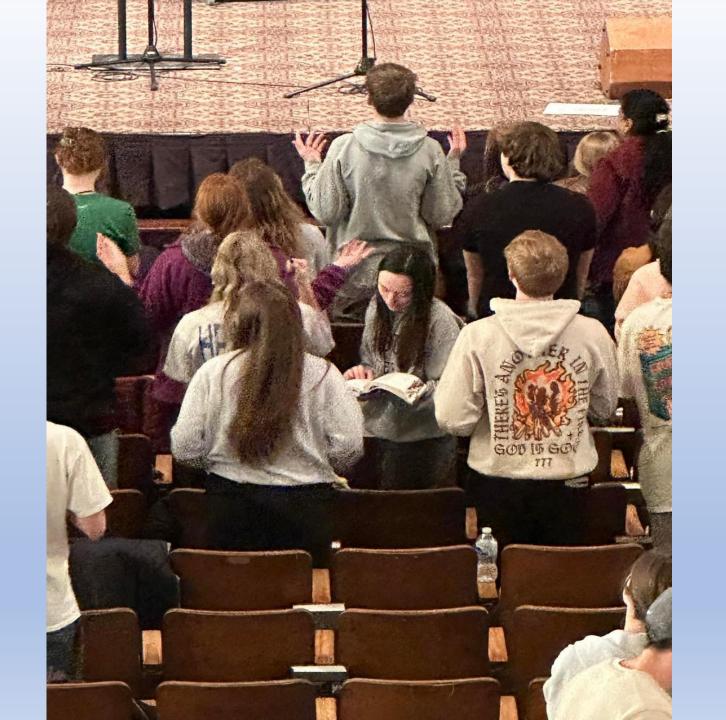










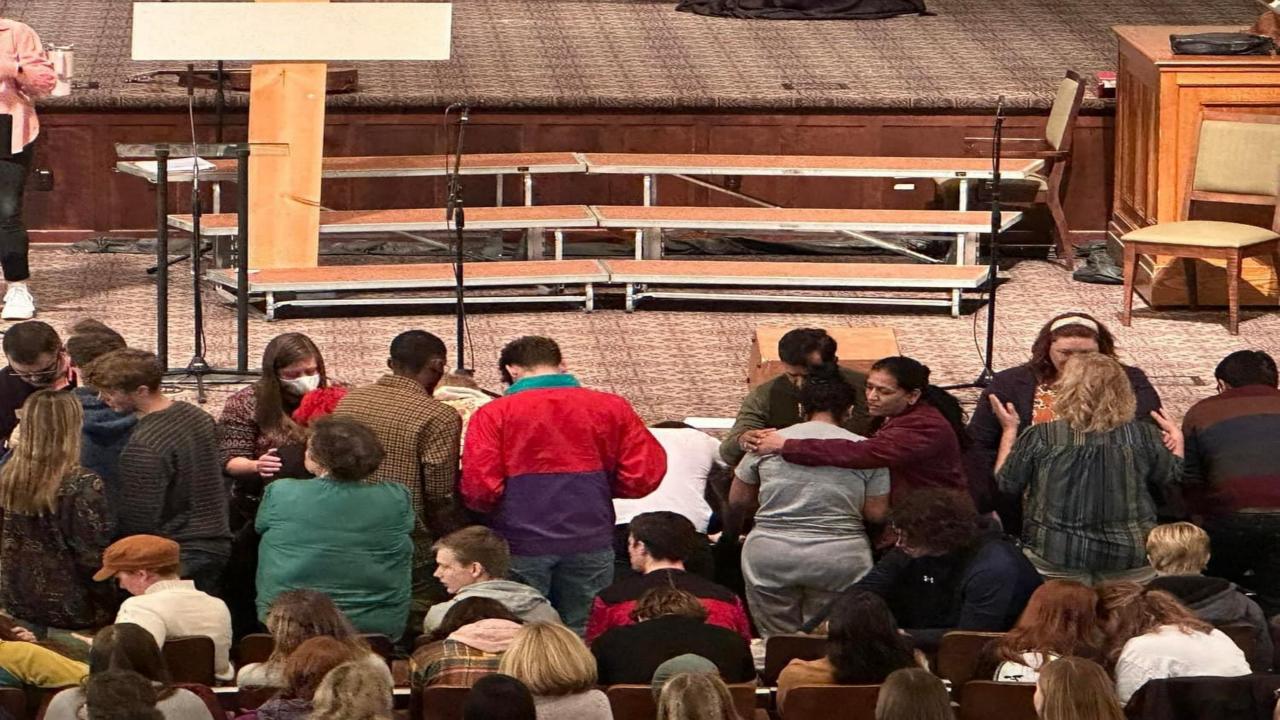








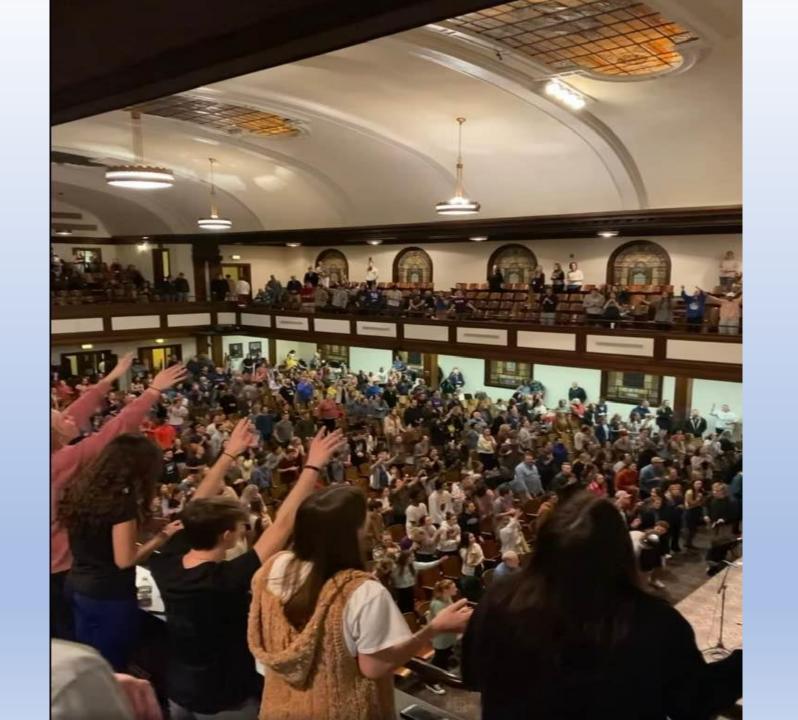






















Questions

- 1. Why do you think it is so easy for so many people to follow a certain teacher or philosophy today? What methods do false teachers pushing untruth use to deceive those listening?
- 2. Why does God allow false teacher to even come into the church to begin with?
- 3. Do such false teachers upset you as much as Peter? Why or why not? Which preacher do you trust more than others? Why?
- 4. What are the big signs or sins that false teachers display (see 2 Peter 2:2-3)?
- 5. In response to that implied question, Peter recites God's track record in dealing with evil: What examples are cited in 2 Peter 2:4-9?
- 6. What does the story of the fallen angels teach us about angels? What does it teach us about God?

Questions (continued)

- 7. What does the story of Noah and the flood teach us about humankind? What does it teach us about God?
- 8. What does the story of Sodom and Gomorrah teach us about humankind? What does it teach us about God?
- 9. If neither angels, the ancient world, nor Sodom and Gomorrah were spared from God's wrath against sin, who does God protect from judgment (2 Peter 2:9)? Why? How is that a particular comfort to Peter's audience?
- 10. What about society and humans today upsets, or even torments your soul? What evils today really do a number on your own soul?
- 11. 11. How does God's deliverance for Noah and Lot encourage you about what is to come in the future as the world continues to become more wicked?