

Book: 2 Peter
Series: True Faith vs. False Teaching:
Add To Your Faith, Knowledge
Lesson 10: Great Destruction of False Teachers
Text: 2 Peter 2:4-10a
Date: Sunday, November 4, 2012

INTRODUCTION

In 2 Peter 2:4-10a, Peter turns in his Bible to the first few chapters of Genesis (chapters 6-19) and learns there a valuable lesson from the example (cf. v. 6) of his ancestors, a lesson that will spare him and us much pain and suffering if we learn it well.

So, lest we find ourselves today presuming upon the grace of God or spurning the judgment of God, let us carefully review God's pattern in the past so that we respond appropriately to His practice in the present, and ensure that we are indeed recipients of His rescue and not of His wrath.

GOD'S PATTERN IN THE PAST (vv. 4-8)

1. **God** _____ *the angels who sinned (v. 4).*
2. **God condemned the ancient world, but** _____ *righteous Noah (v. 5).*
3. **God** _____ *Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 6).*

4. **God** _____ *righteous Lot (vv. 7-8).*

GOD'S PRACTICE IN THE PRESENT (vv. 9-10a)

1. **God** _____ *the godly from their tests.*
2. **God** _____ *the unrighteous unto punishment.*

CONCLUSION

It is important to note as we close that both groups—the godly and the ungodly—are in danger. The one group is rescued because they are righteous, but they are only righteous because of the One who rescues them (Rom. 7:24; 11:26; Col. 1:13; 1 Thess. 1:10).

It is because God did not “spare” Jesus, but “delivered” Him up to be condemned, that He can “spare” those who are “delivered” through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. This, then, is the greater conditional statement! “If” He “spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, [then will] He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32). Indeed!

On the other hand, if you are not truly “in Christ,” God's present practice mirrors His past pattern, and you are admonished to “kiss the Son, lest He be angry and ye perish from the way when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him” (Psalm 2:12).