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## LESSON 12

### 2 Peter 2:1-9

1. What weakness or vulnerability in your grasp of Biblical truth came to light after our study of **2 Peter 1:12-21** or how did a truth, verse or insight give you a firmer foundation in the truth?
  
2. Before you read **2 Peter 2:1-9**, pray that the Word of God would expose any counterfeit teachers seeking to lure the unsuspecting away from the faith. Recall a time you or a loved one was scammed or duped by someone who seemed genuine. What feelings and/or thoughts were evoked regarding the deception and the deceiver?
  
3. From **VI-3a**:
  - a) Who does Peter expose? Develop a portrait of them, highlighting the characteristics of their life and message.
  
  - b) How do they compare to the reliable prophets Peter speaks of in **2 Peter 1:19-21**.

4. Scripture consistently addresses the problematic reality of how to recognize false teachers. What are some of the signs based on these passages:
- **Jeremiah 14:13-16**
  
  - **Matthew 7:15-19**
  
  - **Jude 1:4,8,10,16**
5. What is the ultimate fate of false teachers according to **2 Peter 2:3b**? How does this confirm the weight of their deception in God's economy?
6. Review **V4-8**, where Peter gives several examples of how God treats the wicked (ungodly) as opposed to the righteous (godly).
- a) Note each example of wickedness Peter selects. How were each of them treated?
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- b) Who are the righteous examples and what happened to each of them?
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7. Peter comes to some important conclusions about God in **V9**. Restate these conclusions and identify the attributes of God that are evident to you.

8. With the whole passage in mind:

a) Read the following statements and meditate on the heartbreak expressed over the condemnation of the lost:

- **Jeremiah 9:1**
- **Luke 19:41-42**
- **Romans 9:1-4**
- **Philippians 3:18-19**

b) Use this opportunity to honestly assess whether you have grown cold or hard-hearted to the fate of those who have chosen to live as enemies of Jesus, rejecting His salvation. Write out a prayer of confession or conviction and ask that genuine tears might flow for the condemned.

## 9. **LIVING AS STRANGERS: CONFIDENT OF RESCUE**

The Lord knows how to rescue the righteous from trials (**V9**). Scripture assures us that He will rescue you and me from every evil attack and bring us safely into His heavenly kingdom (**2 Timothy 4:18**). From what trial or situation do you believe you need God's rescue? How do the verses below alter or shift the scope of the rescue you desire?

- **Psalms 18:16-19**
- **Psalms 34:15-22**
- **1 Corinthians 10:12-13**
- **Colossians 1:13**

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**PRAYER REQUEST**