

Text: 2 Pet. 2:1-9 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)-- then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.

INTRODUCTION:

A. Many stress the love, goodness and tender side of God- Jn. 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

B. God is love and goodness, etc.

1. Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2. God's love for us- Eph. 2:4-8 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

C. God redeemed us by Jesus, His son. 1 Tim. 2:6 Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

D. God wants all men to be saved.

1. Peter explains this to the scoffers- 2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2. Paul tells Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

3. Can we conclude that all men will be saved?

I. God did not spare the Angels who Sinned- V-4

A. What are angels?

1. Created beings like man:

a. Neh. 9:6 You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

b. Col. 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

2. Angels are servants of God, subject to Him as we are- 1 Pet. 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

3. Does God love angels any less than he loves humans?

B. Though God loved them dearly with his special “agape” ;love, when they sinned he cast them down.

1. He loved the angels that left their habitation – Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

2. Since God is the righteous Judge he had to punish them despite of His love for them.

C. Today we stand in the same position.

1. We are created and dearly loved by God- Jn. 3:16.

2. We are also disobedient.

a. Disobedient- not having put on Christ.

b. Disobedient- being Christians not living correctly.

c. Disobedient- being Christians not worshiping in spirit and in truth. - Rom. 10:1 -3
Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

D. If God did not spare the angels who sinned? WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?

II. GOD DID NOT SPARE THE WORLD IN NOAH'S DAY V. 5.

A. The people were much like us.

1. Mom, dad, grandmas, Grandpas.

2. Brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, babies, old folks.

B. They grew very wicked, and God destroyed them Gen. 6: 5 – 8 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

C. What about us? Are we growing more wicked? 2 Tim. 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

D. Noah preached “repent” for 120 years.

1. No doubt folks laughed at him and held him in derision (just like they do today). They laughed until their laughter was literally drown out by the flood.

2. Really, Honestly, Seriously! Who do we think we are that God would make an exception for us if we do not repent?

III. GOD DID NOT SPARE THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRA V 6

A. Gen. 18:17-19:29 Gen. 19:1- 11 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally." So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof." And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door. Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city--take them out of this place!

B. Were the people of those cities any worse than we are today?

1. There were people living immoral lifestyles.
2. Homosexuals, bisexuals, etc.

C. Today our society (and even some in the church) mirror these sins.

D. Really, Honestly, Seriously, who do we think we are that God will make an exception for us if we are living this way?

E. Even though you may not be a homosexual or bisexual if you approve of such you are GUILTY also. Rom. 1:32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

CONCLUSION:

A. Heed the warning.

B. God has always and will continue to punish the disobedient.

C. God has never spared a disobedient and unrighteous person.

D. And who is to blame Him? After all he gave his only Son for our Salvation.

E. Really, Honestly, Seriously, Who do you think you are?