

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 2:1-3

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Eyes On. Ears On.” – Part 3

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

2 Peter 2:1-3

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. ² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ 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.

The greatest danger to the church today is not humanism, paganism, atheism or agnosticism. The greatest danger is not increasing hostility against our faith from the culture. Our greatest danger is apostasy on the inside, arising from false teachers- theological liberals who deny and distort biblical doctrine and lead others down the same path.”

— Dr. Mark Hitchcock

Eyes On – Ears On

1.) Watch out and Listen for false ministries	vs. 1
1a.) Because they are here	vs. 1a
1b.) Because they are active	vs. 1b
1c.) Because they are persuasive	vs. 1c

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2.) Watch out and Listen for false crowds	vs. 2
2a.) Because they will be dangerous	vs. 2a
2b.) Because they will be infectious	vs. 2b
2c.) Because they will be fatal	vs. 2c

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3.) Watch out and Listen for false promises

vs. 3

2 Peter 2:3

By covetousness they will **exploit** you (1) **with** deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been **idle**, and their destruction does not **slumber**.

They will take what is yours and what is yours that is going to God in worship (meat hooks)

“They will lead you into rules, regulations & legalism = control. They love authority, power and attention – this is what they covet. They covet the trappings of pride, position and fame.”

Watch Out And Listen For False Promises

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3a.) Because they will merchandize you

vs. 3a

Verse 3a

2 Peter 2:3a

By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words;

There is this one motive; this is one sin that is enough to get the strongest among us seduced. The sin of covetousness.

They will merchandize you

Covetousness **grk:** pleonexia; to advantage “brazen”, covetousness: — covetousness, acts and deeds of coveting, callus greed, greediness.

Exodus 20:3-5

You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image **Covetousness** of any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; **5** you shall not bow down to them nor serve them **Covetousness**. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Exodus 20:13-17

“You shall not **murder (Covetousness)**. 14 “You shall not commit **adultery (Covetousness)**. 15 “You shall not **steal (Covetousness)**. 16 “You shall not bear **false witness** against your neighbor (**Covetousness**). 17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s **house (Covetousness)**; you shall not covet your neighbor’s **wife (Covetousness)**, nor his male **servant**, nor his female **servant**, nor his ox, nor his **donkey (Covetousness)**, nor **anything** that is your neighbor’s.”(mnm)

They will “call it the grace of God” that they can indulge in violating the 10 commandments.

Exploit grk: **emporeuomai**; *to travel in, or to traffic in or among, to trade as on the market. To make business of with the intent to exploit another by deception.*

Deceptive grk: **plastos**; *to contour or form into. To take shape. The ability to assume a shape. To create or craft words or meanings. Words designed to form ideas or doctrines. Flimsy words, formed, molded sculptured words that are unable to hold you up or sustain you in the day of trouble.*

words; grk: **logos**; *messaging, news, concepts, ideas, information, reports, findings*

Jeremiah 14:14-16

And the LORD said to me, “The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart. 15 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, “Sword and famine shall not be in this land’—‘By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed! 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets

Ask yourself – does my pastor/preacher and my church tell me to give? Do they bully me into giving?

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

William Barkley Points Out

“These are those who seek popularity over truth. They will say to a few that which results in the few becoming the more until the more is a crowd. They themselves thrive off of notoriety at the expense of both the truth and their souls.”

“It was P.T. Barnum that said “There's a sucker born every minute” and it seems that false teachers have an ability to attract them.”

Micah 3:11 Her leaders judge for a bribe,^a
her priests teach for a price,^b
and her prophets tell fortunes for money.^c

Titus 1:11 KJV

(these) Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for **filthy lucre’s** sake. (only for **hire**)

Watch Out And Listen For False Promises

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3b.) Because they will cheapen the Gospel

vs. 3b

Verse 3b

for a long time
their judgment has not been **idle**,

The bible teaches, in no uncertain terms, that hell is a real and horrific place.

Philippians 3:17-19

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. **18** For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

Jude 1:11-13

Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. :12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

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3c.) Because they will vortex others with them

vs. 3c

Verse 3c

and **their destruction** does not **slumber**.

An APP for That

If you're false teacher / prophet here today, I want you to know that we have an APP that exposes you when we turn on "Locations" – kidding, maybe. The Spirit-Filled Christian can detect a spiritual weirdo when one is near. Aren't you glad, compared to what God used to do with false prophets.

There is a very telling verse that is put forward by the Apostle Paul

1 Corinthians 11:18-19 ESV

For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, 19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

Deuteronomy 13:5

But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God,

1 John 2:18-19

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. :20 But you have an Anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

1 John 2:27-29

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. :28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

False Prophets & Teachers are Everywhere Deployed.

It's good for you that I have watched many hours of the Sad Comedy of what is being pawned off as an Impeachment.

(But on Saturday the "lines were filled in between the lies – The truth exposed the lies)

All Lairs hate the Bible. They hate the biblical Jesus. They hate truth. They hate the light. They hate what is good. They hate life.

John 3:16-21

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. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

End of Study

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