THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

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

2-PETER CHAPTER 2:4-9

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"What You Really Need To Know" – Part 2

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

2 Peter 2:4-9

:4 For if (since) God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into (held by imprisonment) chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; :5 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; :6 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 (like they did); :7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked :8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) - :9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

The "Fruit" of Their Conduct is exposed in vs. 1-3. Their Characteristics are made known in vs. 10-22. But Here in vs. 4-9, their Condemnation is Announced.

We now look to the Condemnation of the False Teachers, Prophets, and Preachers

What You Really Need To Know

1.) Is that our enemy is not human

vs. 4

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What You Really Need To Know

1a.) They are	spirit	beings
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Verse 4a

2 Peter 2:4a :4a For if (since) God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell...

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1

Again there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

> Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Here is an Unusual Observation by King Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 3:25

"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is **like the Son of God.**"

Our Real Enemy Is Not Human

What You Really Need To Know

1b.) They are from the other realm

vs. 4b

Verse 4b

2 Peter 2:4b

:4b ...and delivered them (not all, just those from Jude's account) into chains of darkness,

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end

The God of the Bible is Creator of All Things.

This real of creation is experienced by us through the law of science, the law of physics.

Physics is the arrangement of Matter

But there is the (foggy) Research of what is Called **Antimatter –** The cloudy debate over the question, does antimatter exist? That question brings us to the edge of crossing over from our world of physics to another world of a different arrangement of physics.

This becomes fascinating for an infinitely amount of reasons.

Can two (2) worlds coexist at the same time scientifically?

"For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. **He** has scaled the mountain of ignorance; **he** is about to conquer the highest peak; as **he** pulls himself over the final rock, **he is greeted by a band of theologians** who have been sitting there for centuries."

> Dr. Robert Jastrow, Astronomer and Astro/Planetary Physicist & Director of NASA's Goddard Space

Now – Having Said That..... Back to Our Text.

Daniel 4:13

I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a **watcher** (a spirit entity) and a holy one came down from heaven;

The Idea of a Watcher, a Spirit-Being Observing us, is a bit unsettling to say the least.

(there are many accounts of these watchers observing and then talking to God about what they saw)

Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Angels, good ones and bad ones, are aware of what's happening here.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Jude 1:6-7

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; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FALLEN ANGELS AND DEMONS?

WHY THE PIGS AND WHY WATER IS A SCARING REMINDER TO DEMON SPIRITS.

Matthew 12:43 NKJV

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

Matthew 12:43 NIV

"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it.

Matthew 12:43 ESV

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.

Matthew 12:43

International Standard Version "Whenever an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it wanders through waterless places looking for a place to rest, but finds none.

Matthew 12:43

New American Standard 1977 "Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

Matthew 12:43

Christian Standard Bible "When an unclean spirit comes out of a person, it roams through waterless places looking for rest but doesn't find any.

Matthew 12:43

Aramaic Bible in Plain English But whenever a foul spirit goes out from a man, it wanders about in places without water and it seeks rest and does not find it.

The Flood of Noah's Day was the Divine Wrath of God as He Scoured the Earth's Wickedness.

WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS TO THIS?

James 4:6-8

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." :7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Luke 10:17-20

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." :18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

AND WHEN THIS KIND OF FAITH IN GOD'S WORD

Applied daily to our Christian experience... be bold in Him

Our Real Enemy Is Not Human What You Really Need To Know

1c.) They are being held in contempt

vs. 4c

Verse 4c

2 Peter 2:4c :4c to be reserved for judgment;

Reserved grk: **tereo**; marked, tagged, labeled for guarding or watching. To be watched over. to be shadowed by a guard or custodian. This referrers to these satanic creatures being held in reserve and watched by guardians (i.e. other watchers)

Revelation 9:11-15

And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. :12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things. :13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

WE NEED SOME MORE GOOD NEWS!

John 14:1-29

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." :5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we

do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" :6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. :7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." :8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." :9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. :12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. :15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. :19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." :22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" :23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. :25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, "I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. :29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

End of Study

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