

II Peter 2:4-10

I. Introduction:

A. Think about those who stand in the way of others being saved (**Matthew 23:13** and **Luke 11:52**).

1. God wants all to be saved (**I Timothy 2:3-4**).
2. So, where does that put those who stand in the way of salvation (**Acts 13:4-12**)?

B. Those who choose to be teachers are warned (**James 3:1**).

1. Having a certain level of knowledge doesn't make a person a capable, qualified teacher (**I Timothy 1:3-7** and **Hebrews 5:13**).
2. If someone leads others to damnation, both are lost even if done in ignorance (**Isaiah 3:12** and **Luke 6:39**).

II. Body: II Peter 2:4-10

A. Lest one think they'll escape God's judgment, what did He do to the angels that sinned (**Jude 1:6**).

1. Consider John's account of the angels that sinned (**Revelation 12:7-9**).
2. They are in "ταρταρώ" reserved till judgment. That is, they are bound until the time to get the final judgment (**Matthew 8:28-29** and **Matthew 25:41**).

B. Lest one think they'll escape God's judgment, God destroyed all of humanity except for Noah and his family (**Genesis 6:5-8**, **Genesis 7:1**, and **Genesis 7:19-24**).

1. Such judgment comes when sinners were woefully unaware (**Matthew 24:37-39**).
2. Noah was spared because he obeyed God (**Genesis 6:9**, **Genesis 6:22**, **Genesis 7:5**, and **Hebrews 11:7**).
3. Grace didn't save anyone else (cf. **Romans 6:1-2**).

C. Lest one think they'll escape God's judgment, consider what happened to Sodom and Gomorrha (**Genesis 19:24-28**).

1. Those cities serve as an example (**Jude 1:7**).
2. Even the pleading of Abraham could not save those cities (**Genesis 18:20-33**; **Genesis 19:13**).

D. Lot on the other hand serves as an example of delivering the godly from what comes with and upon the ungodly (**I Thessalonians 1:10** and **II Thessalonians 1:4-10**).

1. The final Judgment Day is a day of separation (**Matthew 25:31-34**; **25:46**).
2. Our just God (**Deuteronomy 32:4**) has judgment based on deeds (**II Corinthians 5:10**).

E. Those that walk after the flesh (**Romans 8:1-8**).

1. Simple! The works of the flesh result in being lost (**Galatians 5:19-21**).
2. No unclean person will inherit the kingdom (**Ephesians 5:5**).
3. One cannot be faithful to God while despising those in authority (**Jude 1:8**).
 - a. One must submit to the authority of the Lord (**Matthew 28:18-20**, **Colossians 1:12-18**, and **Hebrews 5:8-9**).
 - b. One must also be in submission to those the Lord put in authority (**I Corinthians 11:3**, **Ephesians 5:21-6:4**, **Hebrews 13:7; 13:17**, and **I Peter 2:13-17**).
 - c. When it comes to man, there is only one exception (**Acts 5:29**).
4. Those false teachers are daring, they are not afraid to speak evil of those who are due honor and glory (**Jude 1:10**).

III. Conclusion: **II Peter 2:11-16**