

II Peter 2:11-16

I. Introduction:

A. The carnally minded, false teacher [false brethren] we are talking about in this current study (**II Peter 2:1-10**), are self-serving (**Romans 16:17-18**).

1. Being in the last days (**Hebrews 1:1-2**), men are lovers of their own selves (**II Timothy 3:1-2**).

2. Being in such times, we see the difficulty in finding faithful teachers that are not out for themselves (**Philippians 2:19-23**).

B. So, we left off talking about those were daring enough to despise and speak evil of those in authority and those due honor (**II Peter 2:10**).

1. Such is clearly wrong (**Titus 3:1-2**).

2. Under the Law of Moses, doing so was a death sentence (**Deuteronomy 17:12**).

3. But understand this, false brethren aren't submissive. They don't like any authority. They often want the preeminence (**III John 1:9-11**).

II. Body: II Peter 2:11-16

A. Angels that are greater in power [ability, force, strength, might] don't bring blasphemous accusations about those in earthly authority to the Lord (**Jude 1:8-9**). *Michael didn't even rebuke the devil, but gave place to the Lord for that.

1. Man, in the flesh, is made lower than the angels (**Psalms 8:4-5**).

2. Yet, angels were not put in authority on earth; man was (**Psalms 8:6-9**).

3. As we discussed in our last lesson, saints are supposed to submit to those in authority of us (**I Peter 2:13-17**).

B. These false teachers are likened to unreasonable animals (**Jude 1:10**).

1. They don't understand and they act in that state of ignorance (**Jeremiah 5:21-31**).

2. They will perish in their own corruption (**Jeremiah 21:13-14**).

C. Though they keep company with the saints, they are going to receive the reward of unrighteousness (**Philippians 3:18-19**).

1. Saints are hospitable (**Romans 12:13**, **Hebrews 13:1-2**, and **I Peter 4:8-9**). The frauds will keep such company with the faithful. Think about Judas (**Matthew 26:23**).

2. Don't think that someone is honest or faithful because they will socialize with you (**Proverbs 23:1-8** and **Proverbs 26:24-28**).

D. They have eyes full of adultery (**Matthew 16:1-4** and **James 4:4**).

1. For some, such is literal adultery (**Revelation 2:20-23**).

2. For others, it is spiritual (**Hosea 3:1**).

3. They could not cease from sin (**Jeremiah 5:3** and **Jeremiah 13:23**).

4. God requires His people to cease from sin (**II Timothy 2:19**).

E. These false teachers beguile (**II Corinthians 11:3-4** and **Colossians 2:4-8**).

1. An heart they have exercised with greedy desire (**Micah 2:1-2**).
2. Think about those beguiled by them being unstable (**Ephesians 4:14** and **James 1:8**).
3. Like Balaam, these false teachers are for hire (**Numbers 31:16** and **Deuteronomy 23:3-4**; cf. **Numbers 21:1-24:25**).
4. This is why they make merchandise of those they teach (**II Peter 2:3**; cf. **Jeremiah 6:13**).
5. What did Paul instruct the evangelist Timothy to do in regard to contentment (**I Timothy 6:6-11**)?
6. An ass, that could not on his own speak words, rebuked Balaam (**Numbers 22:22-33**).
7. Think about the wording Jesus used showing Himself different than such individuals (**John 10:6-13**).

III. Conclusion: Our Next Lesson: **II Peter 2:17-22**