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“ BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS “ LESSON 2

2 PETER 2 VS 2-3

HOMEWORK – ROHAN

INTRO: LAST WEEK AS WE LOOKED AT VERSE NUMBER ONE WE FOUND THE FIRST ASPECT OF THREE IN REGARDS TO FALSE TEACHERS- IN AN EFFORT TO WARN US PETER FIRST :

I. FALSE TEACHERS DESCRIBED - (VS 1)PETER BEGINS TO REVEAL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FALSE TEACHERS :

A. **DECEPTION** (VS 1A)

B. **DENIAL** (VS 1B)

AS WE MOVE ON TO VERSE NUMBER TWO PETER REVEALS TWO MORE CHARACTERISTICS OF THESE FALSE TEACHERS :

C. **SENSUALITY** (VS2) – PERTAINING TO , INCLINED TO , OR PREOCCUPIED WITH THE GRATIFICATION OF THE SENSES OF THE APPETITES OF THE FLESH ; CARNAL IN OTHER WORDS THEY WANT TO

1. **SATISFY THEIR OWN LUST AND DO IT UNDER THE GUISE OF RELIGION** –(JER 23 VS 14, 32)

NOTE : THE FACT THAT MANY FOLLOW THEIR EVIL EXAMPLE OF THEIR CONDUCT (VS 2) IS PROOF THAT PEOPLE WOULD RATHER FOLLOW :

THE **SENSUAL** RATHER THAT THE **SPIRITUAL**

THE **FALSE** RATHER THAN THE **TRUTH**

WHAT IS THE SUCCESS OF THE FALSE TEACHERS

1. **GROWING STATISTICS TO REPORT**

2. **CROWDS GATHER TO HEAR THEM**

HOWEVER SCRIPTURE SAYS :

MAT 7 VS 13 -14

WHAT HAPPENS TO THEIR FOLLOWERS

1. **THEY BRING DISGRACE TO THE NAME OF CHRIST**
2. **THEY ARE ABOMINABLE**
3. **THEY ARE DISOBEDIENT**

TITUS 1 VS 6

D. **GREED** (VS 3) FALSE TEACHERS ARE INTERESTED IN ONE THING. MAKING MONEY ! THEY EXPLOIT IGNORANT PEOPLE AND USE THEIR RELIGION AS A “**CLOAK OF COVETOUSNESS** “ (1 THES 2 VS 5)

NOTE : OUR LORD AND THE APOSTLES WERE POOR MEN YET THEY GAVE OF THEMSELVES TO MINISTER TO OTHERS. THESE FALSE PROPHETS / TEACHERS ARE RICH MEN WHO CLEVERLY GET OTHERS TO MINISTER TO THEM! READ (MICAH 3 VS 11).

CERTAINLY THE LABORER IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE (LUKE 10 VS7) BUT HIS MOTIVE FOR MINISTRY HAD BETTER GO BEYOND MONEY.

THREE THINGS THAT THESE FALSE TEACHERS ARE GUILTY OF

1. **IMMORALITY**
2. **LOVE OF MONEY**
3. **PRIDE**

HOW DO THEY SEDUCE PEOPLE

1. **USE GREAT SWELLING WORDS** (2 PETER 2 VS 18)
2. **FLATTER PEOPLE BY TELLING THEM EGO BUILDING THINGS THEY WANT TO HEAR** (1 THES 2 VS 5)
3. **SCRATCH THE ITCHING EARS OF THE PEOPLE WHO REJECT THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE AND TURN TO FABLES** (2 TIM 4 VS 1-4)

NOTE : RELIGION CAN BE A TREMENDOUS TOOL FOR EXPLOITING WEAK PEOPLE, AND THESE FALSE TEACHERS USE RELIGION JUST TO GET WHAT THEY CAN. THEY ARE NOT MINISTERS THEY:

MERCHANDISERS (IN THE TEMPLE IN JESUS DAY)

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRUE MINISTERS OF GOD

1. **NOTHING TO HIDE – LIFE AND MINISTRY IS AN OPEN BOOK**
2. **PREACHES TRUTH IN LOVE**
3. **DOES NOT TWIST THE SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT HIS OWN SELFISH IDEAS**
4. **DOES NOT FLATTER THE RICH**
5. **HE DOES NOT MINISTER FOR MONEY**

READ (2 COR 4 VS 2) SEE TRUE MINISTER

CLOSE :WE NEED TO BE ALERT IN THESE LAST DAYS AND REFUSE TO SUPPORT MINISTRIES THAT EXPLOIT PEOPLE AND DENY THE SAVOIR