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**“ MARKED MEN “ PART 11**

**2 PETER 2 VS 13-14A**

**INTRO:** LAST TIME WE LOOKED AT THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE WE LEARNED THE FIRST OF THREE SINS THAT PETER CONDEMNED THE APOSTATES FOR:

**I. THEIR REVILING** – TO SHOW NO RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY AND ATTACK AND DEFAME PEOPLE IN HIGH POSITIONS

PETER ALSO EXPLAINED TO US :

A. THE REASON FOR THEIR REVILING -

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B. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR REVILING

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C. THE JUDGEMENT OF THEIR REVILING

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AS WE LOOK AT THE VERSES 13-14A , PETER REVEALS TO US THE SECOND SIN OF THE APOSTATES

**II. THEIR REVELING** – VS 13 - TO TAKE INTENSE PLEASURE OR SATISFACTION : IN OTHER WORDS THESE APOSTATES WOULD ENJOY LUXURIOUS LIVING AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE THAT SUPPORT THEM. (2 PETER 2 VS 3 ). THERE ARE THOSE WHO PLEAD FOR MONEY FOR THEIR MINISTRIES, YET THEY LIVE IN EXPENSIVE HOUSES, DRIVE EXPENSIVE CARS AND WEAR COSTLY CLOTHES. WHEN WE REMEMBER THAT JESUS BECAME POOR IN ORDER TO MAKE US RICH, THEIR GARISH LIFESTYLES SEEM OUT OF STEP WITH NEW TESTAMENT CHRITIANITY.

THESE APOSTATES NOT ONLY DECEIEVD OTHERS BUT THEY ALSO DECEIVED THEMSELVES. THEY BECAME SO ACCUSTOM TO THEIR **VICES** THAT THEY VIEWED THEM AS **VIRTUES**.

**EXAMPLE :** LOVE FEAST ( I COR 11 VS 20 -34 ) THEY USED THESE LOVE FEAST AS A TIME OF DISPLAYING THEIR WEALTH AND IMPRESSING IGNORANT PEOPLE WHO LACKED DISCERNMENT. INSTEAD OF BRINGING BLESSINGS TO THE FELLOWSHIP THESE FALSE TEACHERS WERE :

## 1. SPOTS

## 2. BLEMISHES

THAT DEFILED THE ASSEMBLY. SOMEHOW THEIR BEHAVIOR AT THE FEAST DEFILED OTHERS AND BROUGHT DISGRACE TO THE NAME OF THE LORD. IT IS THE WORD OF GOD THAT HELPS REMOVE THE SPOTS AND BLEMISHES ( EPH 5 VS 27 ), BUT THESE TEACHERS DO NOT MINISTER THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD! THEY TWIST THE SCRIPTURE TO MAKE IT SAY WHAT THEY WANT IT TO SAY. ( 2 PETER 3 VS 16 ).

### “ UNCONSCIOUS DEFILEMENT “

UNCONSCIOUS DEFILEMENT IS A DEADLY THING. EXAMPLE OF UNCONSCIOUS DEFILEMENT READ ( MAT 23 VS 25-28).

### WHAT IS THE PROBLEM ?

1. FALSE DOCTRINE LEADS TO FALSE LIVING
2. FALSE LIVING ENCOURAGES FALSE DOCTRINE

### TWO CHOICES THE FALSE TEACHERS HAD

1. ADJUST GOD'S WORD
2. CHANGE HIS WAY OF LIFE

**NOTE:** SINCE HE IS NOT ABOUT TO DO NUMBER 2, HE SECRETLY DEFILES PEOPLE AND MAKES IT EASIER FOR THEM TO SIN. IT IS POSSIBLE TO GO TO A CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AND BE DEFILED!

***THIS INTRODUCES CHURCH DISCIPLINE*** – THE CHURCH NEEDS TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY AND DISCIPLINE. CHRISTIAN LOVE DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE TOLERATE EVERY FALSE DOCTRINE AND EVERY SO CALLED LIFESTYLE. THE BIBLE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT SOMETHINGS ARE RIGHT AND SOMETHINGS ARE WRONG. NO CHRISTIAN WHOSE ***BELIEF*** AND ***BEHAVIOR*** ARE WRONG SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO SHARE THE LORDS SUPPER OR TO HAVE A SPIRITUAL MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH. HIS/HER DEFILING INFLUENCE MAY NOT BE SEEN IMMEDIATELY, BUT ULTIMATELY IT WILL CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

### WHY DID THE APOSTATES ATTEND THESE MEETINGS ?

1. TO SATISFY THEIR OWN LUST ( 2 PETER 2 VS 14 )
2. TO CAPTURE CONVERTS FOR THEIR CUASE- THEY KEEP THEIR EYES OPEN, LOOKING FOR “ ***LOOSE WOMEN*** ” WHO THEY CAN ENTICE INTO SIN. ( 2 TIM 3 VS 6 ). BE CAREFUL BECAUSE MORE MINISTERS

ARE USING RELIGION AS A CLOAK TO COVER THEIR OWN LUST. SOME WOMEN ARE VULNERABLE IN COUNSELING SESSIONS , AND THESE MEN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM.

### **WHAT TYPE OF BAIT DO THE FALES TEACHERS USE TO CATCH PEOPLE ?**

1. **LIBERTY** -( 2 PETER 2 VS 19 ) THIS MEANS A PERVERSION OF THE GRACE OF GOD( JUDE 4 ) – SINCE YOU ARE SAVED BY GRACE THEN YOU ARE FREE TO SIN.

2. **FULFILLMENT** – THIS IS ONE OF THE “ BUZZ” WORDS OF OUR GENERATION.IT GOES RIGHT ALONG WITH “ DOING YOUR OWN THING AND HAVING IT YOUR WAY “ IT SAYS THAT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT THE CHURCH OFFERS IS OLD AND OUTDATED – WE HAVE A NEW LIFESTYLE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL FULFILLED AND HELPS YOU FIND YOURSELF. ( PRIDIGAL SON WAS LOOKING FOR FULFILLMENT BUT ENDED UP LOSING HIMSELF ) LUKE.

WHY ?

**BECAUSE THER CAN BE NO FREEDOM OR FULFILLMENT APART FROM SUBMISSION TO JESUS CHRIST**

### **WHO ARE THE PEOPLE WHO TAKE THE BAIT OF THE APOSTATES ?**

1.**UNSTABLE SOULS** – STABILITY IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE. JUST AS A CHILD MUST LEARN TO STAND BEFORE HE CAN WALK OR RUN, SO THE CHRISTAIN MUST LEARN TO “**STAND FIRM IN THE LORD** “ !

**PAUL AND THE OTHER APOSTLES** SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR CONVERTS IN THE FAITH ( ROM 1 VS 11, 16 VS 25, I THESS 3 VS 2, 13)

**PETER** WAS CERTAIN THAT HIS READERS WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE TRUTH ( 2 PETER 1 VS 12) BUT HE STILL WARNED THEM.

**CLOSE :COLOSSIANS 2:7.....SO THEN, JUST AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS AS LORD, CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN HIM, BEING ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM, STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH AS YOU WERE TAUGHT, AND OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS**