

## 2 Peter 2:10b-16

### The Arrogance of False Teachers

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### The Flow Of Peter's Thought

- A. Sins of the false teachers recounted 2:1-3
- B. The False teachers will be judged 2:4-10
- A. Sins of the false teachers elaborated 2:10-16

Next Week: 2:17-22 The Impact of False Teachers on Others

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### The False Teachers Blaspheme The Demons

2 Peter 2:10b-11 Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

#### One Definition of Blasphemy to consider:

"One way in which Blasphemeo and Blasphemia were used in speaking of 'defaming God' was by claiming some kind of equality with God" (Louw Nida).

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### Examples From "Cults" of The Day

Testament of Solomon 18:5 Then I Solomon summoned the first spirit and said, "Who are you?" He replied, "I am the first decan of the zodiac and I am called Ruax..." (Solomon replies) "Michael, imprison Ruax."

Testament of Solomon 18:41 "When I Solomon heard these things, I glorified the God of heaven and earth and I ordered them to bear water."

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### The False Teachers Face Destruction

2 Peter 2:12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, **reviling where they have no knowledge**, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed...

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### Description Of The False Teachers

2 Peter 2:13-14 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you, having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;

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## What Is The Way of Balaam?

2 Peter 2:15-16 forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, **having followed the way of Balaam**, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, *for* a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

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## Application

1. Peter's words teach us that if we are trying to "bind" or "fight" Satan and the demons – we are attempting to usurp God's authority.

Jude 9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

2 Peter 2:11... whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

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## 1. God Uses Angels For His Purposes

1 Kings 22:19-22 I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left. "The LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?'... "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' "The LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice *him* and also prevail. Go and do so.'

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## Application

2. Do we really believe that God is providentially in control of all things – including Satan and the demons?

“The world is caught up in a spiritual war between God and Satan. Unlike the blueprint worldview, the warfare worldview does not assume that there is a specific divine reason for what Satan and other evil agents do. To the contrary, God fights these opponents precisely because their purposes are working against his purposes” (Greg Boyd, [www.gregboyd.org](http://www.gregboyd.org)).

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## 2. God Is Sovereign Even Over Angels

Psalm 103:19-21 The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all. Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will.

Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.

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## Application

3. Those who have followed “spiritual warfare” teachings have unwittingly followed doctrines of demons!

2 Peter 2:12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, **reviling where they have no knowledge**, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed...

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### 3. The Sufficiency of Christ

Colossians 2:8-10 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, **rather than** according to **Christ**. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

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