

PURE TRUTH: A Sermon Series on the Letters of Peter



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¹ But *[IN THE DAYS OF THE OLD PROPHETS]* there were also false prophets among the people, just as **there will be false teachers among you**. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² **Many will follow their depraved conduct & will bring the way of truth into disrepute.** ³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. **Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, & their destruction has not been sleeping.** ⁴ For if **God did not spare angels when they sinned**, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; ⁵ if **He did not spare the ancient world** when He brought the

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flood on its ungodly people, but **protected Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, & seven others; ⁶ if **He condemned the cities of Sodom & Gomorrah** by burning them to ashes, & made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷ & if **He rescued Lot, a righteous man**, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless ⁸ (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw & heard)—⁹ if this is so, then **the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials & to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the Day of Judgment.**

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¹⁰ **This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh & despise authority. Bold & arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings;** ¹¹ yet even angels, although they are stronger & more powerful, do not heap abuse on such beings when bringing judgment on them from the Lord. ¹² But **these people blaspheme in matters they do not understand.** They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught & destroyed, & like animals they too will perish. ¹³ **They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done.** Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots & blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. ¹⁴ **With eyes full of adultery, they never**

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sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! ¹⁵ They have left the straight way & wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness. ¹⁶ But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—an animal without speech—who spoke with a human voice & restrained the prophet's madness [SEE NUM 22-24]. ¹⁷ **These people are springs without water & mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.** ¹⁸ For they mouth empty, boastful words &, **by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.** ¹⁹ They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for "people are

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slaves to whatever has mastered them." ²⁰ **If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ & are again entangled in it & are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.** ²¹ It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it & then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. ²² Of them the proverbs are true: *"A dog returns to its vomit" [PROV. 26:11] and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."*

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Carnality & greed blind people to the TRUTH and lead to ARROGANT PRIDE & DESTRUCTION. Resist these temptations in the Lord & God Himself will preserve you.

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If we have been shown the TRUTH & yet insist on turning away from it, we turn also from God. He will bring TRUTH to bear in all things. Embracing His TRUTH is the way of LIFE.

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