

SERMON OUTLINE

THE STRATEGY AND DESTINY OF FALSE TEACHERS

2 PETER 2:17-22

JUNE 26TH, 2022

I. The False Teachers' Strategy: Overpromise and Underdeliver (vs. 17-19)

"They have forsaken me (the Lord), the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, cisterns that cannot hold water." – Jeremiah 2:13

II. The False Teachers' Destiny: Eternal Condemnation (vs. 17b, 20-22)

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation." – Matthew 12:43-45

"Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly." – Proverbs 26:11

Application

1. You are not invincible toward false teaching
2. Know sound doctrine more than knowing heresies
3. Recognize false teachers by using the Bible's parameters not your preferences

Five Questions

- Different source: where does the message come from?
- Different message: what is the substance of the message?
- Different appeal: why should you listen to the message?
- Different character: what kind of character does the teacher have?
- Different fruit: what results does the message produce?

4. Avoid false teachers

The Heretic: 2 Peter 2:1

The Immoral: Jude 4

The Charlatan: 1 Timothy 6:3-5

The "Prophet": 1 John 4:1

The Divider: Jude 18-21

The Tickler: 2 Timothy 4:3-4

The Speculator: 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Benediction: "So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." – John 10:7-11