



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 12, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“The Continuing Problem of False Prophets”

2 Peter 2:1-3

1. The outside cause that keeps people from following God’s Word
(2 Peter 2:1)

2. The internal causes that keep people from following God's Word
(2 Peter 2:2-3)

Table Talk

- 1) What happened in ancient times that kept people from following God's Word? How does that happen even today? What examples of "secretly bringing in destructive heresies" can you identify? (v. 1 a)
- 2) In what sense did the Master "buy" these false prophets? How is Jesus' purchase of them the same or different from true believers? How is knowledge of the truth a means of greater judgment? (v. 1b)
- 3) What is "sensuality"? How is sensuality an internal cause that keeps us from following God's Word? When professed Christians follow sensuality, what does that do to the "way of truth"? (v. 2)
- 4) How is greed an internal cause that keeps us from following God's Word? In what ways does a greedy person exploit others? What ways have you seen greed destroy someone? (v. 3a)
- 5) Do false teachers know that they are false? How does Peter describe the condemnation and destruction of false teachers? Why does Peter want this active idea of the condemnation and destruction of false teachers to be made clear? (v. 3b)
- 6) How can a person steer clear of false teachers and follow God's Word?