



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 26, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“The Irrationality of Evil”

2 Peter 2:11-16

1. Angels know the power of words and the consequences of words uttered wrongly. (2 Peter 2:10-11)
2. False teachers are especially false by what they say. (2 Peter 2:12-13)

3. False teachers are especially false by what they do. (2 Peter 2:14-16)

Table Talk

- 1) Why does Peter say that even angels don't speak about things that false teachers do? Why is it sometimes wrong to speak about things, even if what you are saying is true? (2:11)
- 2) Why has language become degraded? Why do people curse more these days? How is cursing more like animal behavior than human behavior? How can we help one another be more disciplined about what we say and write? (2:12)
- 3) What does it mean to reveal in one's own deceptions? How is that being expressed today? (2:13)
- 4) What are the actions of these false teachers? (2:14) How are those actions similar to actions today? Why should we be more concerned about these sins inside our fellowship than out in the world?
- 5) What Old Testament example is given to compare with these false teachers? Read Numbers 22-24; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14. How is our pursuit of personal peace and affluence a possible indictment on our lives as believers? The sin of Balaam seems so far from us, but how is it nearer than we may initially imagine? (2:15-16)