

June 5, 2013
“Godly Living in an Ungodly World: Resonance”
2 Peter 2:1-21

I. Recognize the Reality of Deception

“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies...” (1)

II. Recognize the Popularity of Degenerates

“Many will follow their unrestrained ways, and the way of truth will be blasphemed because of them...” (2)

“exploit you with their greed, with deceptive words” (3)

III. Recognize the Subtle Temptation

A. Pride *“Bold arrogant people!” (10b)*

B. Lust *“They consider it a pleasure to carouse in the daytime.” (13b)*

“...they seduce with fleshly desires and debauchery...they promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption, since people are enslaved to whatever defeats them.” (18b-19)

C. Knowledge *“For by uttering boastful, empty words” (18)*

IV. Recognize Their Judgment

“Their condemnation, pronounced long ago, is not idle, and their judgment does not sleep.” (3, cf. 4-10, 20-22)

2Pe 1:1-21 *Simeon Peter, a slave and an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those who have obtained a faith of equal privilege with ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. (2) May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (3) His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. (4) By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires. (5) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, (6) knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, (7) godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. (8) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins. (10) Therefore, brothers, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things you will never stumble. (11) For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to you. (12) Therefore I will always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are established in the truth you have. (13) I consider it right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder, (14) knowing that I will soon lay aside my tent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has also shown me. (15) And I will also make every effort that you may be able to recall these things at any time after my departure. (16) For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. (17) For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory: This is My beloved Son. I take delight in Him! (18) And we heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain. (19) So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed. You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (20) First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, (21) because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

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