

Prophets and Loss

2 Peter 2:11-22

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 24th November 2024



1. A profile of a false minister (v10-16)

- Wrongly confident

2 Peter 2v10-11

¹⁰ they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings; ¹¹ yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not heap abuse on such beings when bringing judgment on them from the Lord.

1. A profile of a false minister (v10-16)

- Wrongly confident
- Regularly carnal

“Our students will be faced with a barrage of false teachings when they finish here to go and minister in their communities. Syncretism (mixing traditional religious practices with Christianity), prosperity gospel (poverty and sickness is directly due to a lack of faith and faithfulness in you), hyper-grace gospel (we are saved by grace and so are free to sin), legalism (behave well so God will love, save and keep you) and materialism (your ministry success is measured by your offering basket), and others, reign in many places. Pray that our students would know the true gospel and teach the true gospel both now at college and in their ministries.”

Chris Howles

2. A profile of a false ministry (v17-22)

2 Peter 2v17

These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

2. A profile of a false ministry (v17-22)

- Dry wells



Proverbs 13v14

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life

2. A profile of a false ministry (v17-22)

- Dry wells
- Driven mists



John 8v36

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed

2. A profile of a false ministry (v17-22)

- Dry wells
- Driven mists
- Darkest judgement

2 Peter 2v20-21

²⁰ If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and 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 and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

2 Peter 2v22

Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

Application:

- To those who are escaping (v18)
- To those who are entangled (v20)