SERMION SERIES: STAND FIRM, GROWING IN BRACE, GROUNDED IN TRUTH

SPOTTING THE COUNTERFEIT
2 Peter 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we will study False Teachers and False Teachings (Spiritual Counterfeits**)** which can be dangerous to growing Christians. In Acts 17:11, the Bereans were praised because they **"examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."** They held every spoken word up against the "genuine currency" of God's written Word.

- **" The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished"** (2 Peter 2:9)

In this message, we will meditate on three factors on Spotting The Counterfeit:

I. EXPOSE THE TACTICS OF DECEPTION (vv. 1-3)

A. Counterfeits Introduce Destructive Lies Undercover (v. 1; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 6:20)

B. Destructive Teaching Brings Public Reproach on the Truth (v. 2)

C. False Teachers Exploit People (v. 3; Luke 12:15; 1 Pet 5:2-3)

II. THE CERTAINTY OF DIVINE JUDGMENT (vv. 4-6)

A. The Fallen Angels Could Not Escape God's Confinement (v. 4; Jude 6)

B. The Ancient Flood Proves That God Judges the Ungodly (v. 5; Gen 6:5)

C. The Ashes of Sodom and Gomorrah Serve as a Permanent Warning Sign (v. 6; Jude 7)

III. EMBRACE THE DOUBLE REALITY OF GOD'S POWER (vv. 7-10)

A. God Actively Sees and Hears the Distress of the Righteous (vv. 7-8' Gen 19;)

B. The Lord Knows Exactly How to Rescue the Godly from Trial (v. 9a)

C. The Certainty of Retribution (vv. 9b-10)

D. The Finality of Judgment (v. 9; 1 Cor 3:11-15; Rev 20:11-15)

CONCLUSION:

A. In conclusion, three factors in Spotting The Counterfeit: Expose the Tactics of Deception, The Precedent of Divine Judgment, and Embrace The Double Reality of God's Power.

B. Beware of False Teachers (Rom 16:17; 2 John 10-11)

C. The Challenge: "Guard the Pulpit, Equip the Pew" (2 John 1:10-11)

D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"… the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).