

# TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CRESCENT

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Series: "THE CLIMAX OF THE AGES"

An in-depth study of 2nd Peter

Subject: "Can God deliver us?"

2 Peter 2: 1-9

1. There is an eternal kingdom. This world is temporary. All true progress here has eternal consequences there. The Second Coming will be just as literal as the first; the transfiguration of Christ and the inspiration of Scripture proves it.
2. There will be opposition to this teaching; just as there were false prophets in the old days so there will be false teachers in these days. They will come from within the church and will teach false morality.
3. The characteristics of the false prophets (v 1-3):
  - (a) They deny the Master that bought them.
  - (b) They are very popular and cause the truth to be evil spoken of.
  - (c) They make money out of christians.
4. Can God deliver us? (v4-9):
  - (a) The flood and Sodom and Gomorrah's judgement as viewed by the Saviour (Luke 17: 26-30); people were too taken up with everyday affairs.
  - (b) The flood as viewed in Hebrews (Hebrews 11; 7); Faith moved Noah to the saving of his family.
  - (c) The flood as viewed by Peter in his first letter (1 Peter 3; 17-22); Noah was saved "through the water" of which baptism is an analogy.
  - (d) The flood and Sodom and Gomorrah as viewed by Peter in his second letter (2 Peter 2; 4-9); God knows how to intervene in history and how to deal with unbelievers and then let history continue. Notice the word "unto" in verse 9 and also 2 Thess. 2; 7-10 and Revelation 19 and 20. He also knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, not only now but eventually forever.

*"It was Ruth Graham who once said that 'If God does not judge America he will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah'. The same can be said for any part of our earth, including Belfast".*

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