

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CRESCENT

Tuesday 21st February 1989

Series: "The climax of the ages"

An in-depth study of 2nd Peter

Subject: "The God who cannot lie"

2 Peter 2: 10-16

1. The characteristics of false prophets; their revelling (v10-11);
 - (a) It's root; "The flesh".
 - (b) It's sphere; despising "Government", resisting authority. Note that Scripture teaches that parents are to have authority over children (Eph 6: 1-4), employers over their employees (Eph 6: 5-8), citizens should have respects for those in authority (1 Pt. 2: 11-17), believers should honour those who have the spiritual rule over them (Heb. 13: 7, 17).
 - (c) It's attitude; "Presumptuous".
 - (d) It's motivation; "Self willed".
 - (e) It's arrogance; "Speaking evil of dignities" i.e., No sense of the solemn power and dignity of the spirit world, including angels.
2. The fearsome danger of following false prophets; they live like animals with unrestrained licence (v12).
3. Their revelling: it is a sensual revelling ("Riot") which defiles the local church ("Spots" and "blemishes"). It is full of immorality and these people simply cannot cease from sin and their technique of getting what they want is, through long practice, highly developed.(v14).
4. The illustration of the false prophet Balaam (v15-16);
 - (a) His attempt to curse Israel failed (Numbers 23: 8, 19-21).
 - (b) His attempt to stumble Israel succeeded (Numbers 25: 1-3; Rev 2:14).

"The purpose of life is not to find your freedom but to find your master"

P. T. Forsythe.

