

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: April 10, 2022
2 Peter 2:10b-22

1. Who is Peter talking about at the beginning of this text (and in the last text)?
 - a. The false teachers.
 - b. Those who follow cleverly devised stories.
 - c. Those who would suggest that God does not separate the godly from the unrighteous.
 - d. Those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

2. What does Peter say about them in verse 10b-12?
 - a. They are not as bad as you might think.
 - b. They are bold and arrogant, even willing to essentially put themselves above celestial beings (angels) by tearing them down
Note: Notice the Bible ALWAYS talks about angels as distinct beings from humans and never suggests that we become angels after death. This is a study for another day.
 - c. Even angels don't abuse fallen angels when bringing judgment from God.
 - d. See Jude 8-10.
 - e. Somehow, false teachers think so much of themselves that they do what not even angels dare to do.

3. What does Peter say, according to verse 13, will happen to these false teachers?
 - a. I'm sure God will overlook their sin.
 - b. They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done.

4. What do verses 13b-14 say about these false teachers?
 - a. They are so bold in thinking that God does not care about their sin that they do things in broad daylight that most people hide because they know that it is wrong.
 - b. They don't just sin at night or behind closed doors, but are bold and "never stop sinning."
 - c. They seduce the unstable.
 - d. They are experts in greed.

5. What was the way of Balaam son of Bezer that Peter refers to in verse 15-16 (see also Numbers 22-25)?
 - a. Balaam was asked by the Moabite king to curse Israel so that Moab would not be destroyed like the Amorites.
 - b. God told Balaam not to go because Israel was blessed and he couldn't curse those who God had blessed.
 - c. Balaam went and God was angry...but Balaam could not prophesy against Israel.
 - d. In Numbers 25, Moab seduces Israel...Revelation 2:14 tells us that Balaam ultimately taught the Moabite king how to curse the Israelites by luring them into sin.

6. How does Peter tell us that false teachers follow the way of Balaam, according to verses 17-19?
 - a. They tell people things that appeal to the lustful desires of the flesh.
 - b. They entice people who are just escaping their life of sin to enter back into that life.
 - c. They promise them freedom...but really lead them back into the slavery of sin.
 - d. They have also learned how to curse the people of God in exchange for all that this world has to offer (money and fame).

7. What does Peter tell us in verses 20-22 about those who escape the slavery of sin and then return?

8. Have you been caught up in this false teaching? _____