

彼得後書

9. Loyal Fans 忠實粉絲

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Discussion...

- What if, you've been told that Jesus would return in six months... what would you do?
 - You need to keep it to yourself...

Recap

- Characters of the False Teachers (2:10b-16)
- Ministry of the False Teachers (2:17-22)
- Target group: Seduce/Entice 引誘
 - Just escaping from living in error 剛剛逃脫了錯謬生活 (2:18b) - new
 - The unstable 心志不堅固的人 (2:14b) - untaught
- Message: Bait 餌
 - Promise freedom 應許給人自由 (2:19a)
 - Continue the old way of living 錯謬生活 (2:18b)
 - God's business is forgiving sin – non-judgmental ethic
- Chief aim: 主要目標
 - Personal gain
 - Exploit those lured away 在你們身上圖利 (2:3a)

False Hope

- Promise freedom 應許給人自由 (2:19)
 - Springs without water 無水的泉源 (2:17a)
 - Clouds without rain 無雨的浮雲 (Jude 12b)
 - False hope 虛假的盼望
- They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity (2:19a NIV)
 - 他們應許給人自由，自己卻作了敗壞的奴僕 (CNV)
- Promising freedom from judgment
 - But destined for judgment...

Destiny of the Teachers (2:20-22)

- If they **have escaped the corruption** of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2:20a NIV)
 - 如果他們因為認識我們的主、救主耶穌基督，**可以脫離世上的污穢** (CNV)
- Escaped the corruption 脫離世上的污穢
 - Escaped from being accused
 - Was used in 1:4b for those being saved
 - Having escaped the corruption in the world (1:4b NIV)
 - 脫世上因私慾而來的敗壞 (CNV)
 - Be saved
- The false teachers were “saved”
 - Experience saving grace of Christ

Destiny of the Teachers (2:20-22)

- and are **again entangled** in it and are **overcome**, they are **worse off at the end** than they were at the beginning. (2:20b NIV)
 - 後來又在其中**被纏住、受制伏**，他們末了的景況，**就比先前的更不好了**。(CNV)
- Corruption of the world
 - Was escaped (2:20a)
 - Again entangled in it, overcome 又在其中被纏住、受制伏
- Worse off at the end than the beginning
 - 末了的景況，就比先前的更不好了

Destiny of the Teachers (2:20-22)

- 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. (2:21 NIV)
 - 既然認識了義路，竟又背棄傳給他們的聖誡命，對他們來說，**倒不如不認識好得多了**。(CNV)
- The false teachers were saved (2:20a)
 - Escaped the corruption 脫離世上的污穢
- Turn their backs on the sacred command (2:21b)
 - 背棄傳給他們的聖誡命
- Worse than beginning 比先前的更不好 (2:20b)
- Better not knowing 倒不如不認識 (2:21b)
 - Better being an unbeliever than an apostate...

Eternal Security

- Warning passages
 - 2 Peter 2:20-21; Hebrews 3:12-18, 6:4-6; 1 Cor 10:1-12; Jude 4-5
- It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened ... tasted the goodness of the word of God ... have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance (Heb 6:4-6a NIV)
 - 那些曾經蒙了光照 ... 並且嘗過 神美善的道... 如果偏離了正道，就不可能再使他們重新悔改了。(CNV)
- Once saved, always saved?
 - 一次得救，永遠得救 ??
- Is there unpardoned sin?

Once saved, always saved?

- This is the will of him who sent me, that **I shall lose none of all** those he has given me, but **raise them up at the last day**. (John 6:39 NIV)
 - 那差我來者的旨意就是：他所賜給我的人，我連一個也不失落，並且在末日我要使他們復活。 (CNV)
- I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; **no one will snatch them out of my hand** (John 6:10-28 NIV)
 - 我賜給他們永生，他們永不滅亡，誰也不能把他們從我手裡奪去 (CNV)
- Romans 5:9-10, 8:30...
- Conflicts in Bible...
 - Bipolar opinions...

Biblical Antinomy

- Warnings are hypothetical 假設性
 - **If** they have escaped the corruption ... again entangled ...
 - 如果他們...
 - Never actually take place...
- Warnings are not eschatological 非末世
 - Not about the Final Judgment
 - May experience problems/penalties in life
- Those being warned are not Christians at all...
 - Only have head knowledge
 - Never experience regeneration work
 - Conversion language was used in 2 Peter...

Willful Apostasy

- Willingly turning back bring serious consequences
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- And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 21:31 NIV)
 - 因此，我告訴你們，人的一切罪和褻瀆的話，都可以赦免；可是，褻瀆聖靈就得不著赦免。(CNV)
- Only God knows who fell into the category of willful apostasy...
- Eternal security != Unconcern about holiness
- In God we trust - Have faith on promise keeping God

Weeds in church

- Always have "weeds" in church
- 人們睡了的時候，他的仇敵來把稗子撒在麥子中間，就走了 (Matthew 13:25 CNV)
 - 稗子就是屬那惡者的人 (Matthew 13:38b CNV)
- 到那日，必有許多人對我說：‘主啊，主啊！難道我們沒有奉你的名講道 … 我從來不認識你們；你們這些作惡的人，離開我去吧！’ (Matthew 7:23-24 CNV)
- Christ has won
 - 神設立了耶穌為贖罪祭，是憑著他的血，藉著人的信，為的是要顯明 神的義 (Romans 3:25a CNV)

Loyal Fans

- The Hebrew word for faith is *emunah*
 - Action oriented – meaning “support”
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- E.g. Fan club
 - Fans = supporters
 - A group dedicated to celebrities
 - Run by fans
 - Devote considerable time and resources to supporting
- Fans
 - Devoted and Loyal
 - Support in action

The False Teaching

- Many tried... without much success
- Peter/Jude focus on **the way of living**, not teaching
- Gnostics 諾斯底主義
 - 強調靈界與物界的永恆對抗
 - 凡有重量的就是惡，物質是有重量的，因此物質是惡
 - 一般都是禁慾主義的
 - 一部份奉行放蕩主義
- Epicurean beliefs 伊比鳩魯
 - Does not deny the existence of the gods
 - 否認神的干預
 - 追求快樂 - a form of hedonism
 - No final judgment, death is end of existence

主再來？

- “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” (3:4 NIV)
 - “他要降臨的應許在哪裡呢？因為自從列祖睡了以來，萬物依然存在，與起初創造的時候一樣。” (CNV)