

Sermon Outline

Fortifying Against Trying Times (3): Know Your Enemies – The False Teachers

2 Peter 2

I. Introduction

II. Their origins and teachings of the False Teachers

1. Just as there were false prophets amongst the people of God of old, so there are false teachers in the church of God vs 1
2. Divisive teachings that result in the moral and spiritual failings of their followers vs 2-3

III. The characteristics of the False Teachers

1. They are arrogant and rebellious vs 10b-12
2. They are immoral vs 13-16
3. They are unbelievers vs 17-22

IV. The strategies of the False Teachers

1. They come from within the ranks vs 1
2. They work secretly vs 1
3. They exploit the masses with false words vs 3
4. They entice unsteady souls vs 14
5. They promise false freedom the unwary vs 19

V. The destiny of the False Teachers vs 4-10a

VI. What shall we say to these things?

1. “Preach the word” 2 Tim 4.1-4
2. “Contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” Jude vs 3
3. “Abstain from the passions of the flesh” 1 Pet 2.11-12
4. Look to the Lord who “knows how to rescue the godly from trials” 2 Pet 2.9