***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 14**

**Counterfeits!**

Read II Peter 2 and Genesis 19

 Memory Work: II Peter 2:4-6.

 1.a. What is a false teacher (prophet). . .could you recognize one. . .how?

 b. What is a heresy?

 c. What are destructive heresies?

d. What did Jesus say would happen at the end of the age? Matthew 24:4,5.

e. How important is it for you to know the Word of God?

 2.a. What had God not spared. . .how did He destroy them? What will happen to these false teachers?

 b. Who did He spare?

 c. What characterizes Noah and Lot?

 d. Why was Lot’s soul tormented day to day? Verses 7-9. Genesis 19.

Think about e. Today, do you think there are many Christians, similar to Lot, who live unseparated from the world?

 Genesis 19. Explain.

 f. Dwelling in the world (Sodom) did what to Lot’s spiritual condition? Genesis 19:30-38.

 3.a. What does God know how to do? II Peter 2:9; I Corinthians 10:12,13.

 b. What does someone need to do to be delivered?

 c. What did Lot need to do, which he never did. . .why do you think this happened?

 d. How much did Lot’s involvement with Sodom cost him?

 e. From verse 10, those who walk according to the flesh are characterized by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 f. They also are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 g. They are not afraid to speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

Think about h. Do you think these traits characterize the world today, which might include “Christians?”

 i. What does “self-willed” mean?

 j. From verse 11, what do the angels have to teach us? Also see Jude 6.

k. What does the Archangel Michael have to teach us about Satan? Jude 9.

 4.a. Make a list from II Peter 2:12-17 which describes the depravity of false teachers.

b. Make a list from II Peter 2:18-22 which gives the deceptions of false teachers.

 c. How can Christians not be attracted to false teachers?

 d. What motivates false teachers?

 5.a. How does sin promise freedom but actually brings bondage?

 b. What is true freedom according to God’s point of view?

 6.a. Having become re-entangled in the world, why would it have been better for these people not to have

 known the way of righteousness? See Matthew 12:43-45.

 b. From II Peter 2:22, what Proverb did Peter quote? Give the other part of the Proverb.

 Extra credit

 Explain Peter’s illustration of Balaam in Numbers 22. II Peter 2:15,16.

 How does it fit into this writing?

 What are “wells without water?” Verse 17.

 What are “clouds carried by tempest?”

Do you think these are good descriptions of false teachers and prophets. . .why or why not?