

## Attack by False Messengers (pt. 1) Series: While You Wait – 2 Peter Series

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We are in the middle of a sermon series from 2 Peter. So far we have discovered that those in Christ have been richly blessed to thrive & grow in the Kingdom. Last Sunday, we discovered the 1<sup>st</sup> of Satan's attack on Peter/Christians: Attack on Scripture

Today, we start to address the 2<sup>nd</sup> attack method of Satan: Attack by False Messengers.

- **Peter identifies the type of False messengers as** \_\_\_\_\_

“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. **They will secretly introduce destructive heresies**, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. <sup>3</sup> In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories.” 2 Peter 2:1-3a

- **Peter shows how God is working in the Midst of** \_\_\_\_\_

“Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; <sup>5</sup> if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; <sup>6</sup> if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— <sup>9</sup> if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. <sup>10</sup> This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.”

2 Peter 2:3b-10a

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

<sup>27</sup> “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

<sup>28</sup> “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

<sup>29</sup> “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Matthew 13:24-30

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

<sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the **good seed stands for the people of the kingdom**. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

<sup>40</sup> “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the **righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father**. Whoever has ears, let them hear. Matthew 13:36-43

### **If I Stand by Rich Mullins**

There's more that rises in the morning than the sun  
And more that shines in the night than just the moon  
It's more than just this fire here that keeps me warm  
In a shelter that is larger than this room  
And there's a loyalty that's deeper than mere sentiments  
And a music higher than the songs that I can sing  
**The stuff of Earth competes for the allegiance**  
**I owe only to the Giver of all good things**

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