

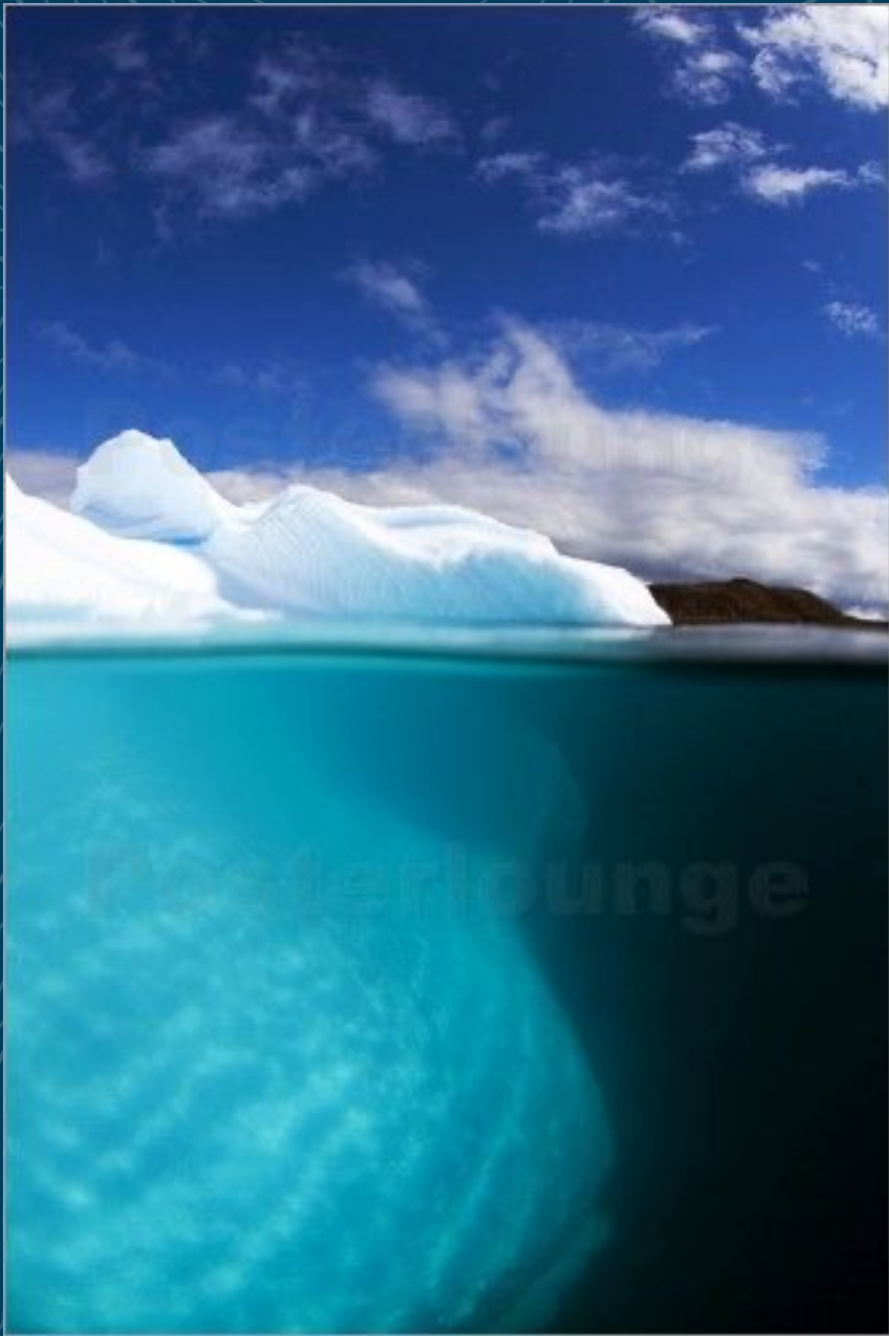


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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY







# 2 Peter 2:1-10

# The Dr. Dean Kipp Reality Test?

## 2 Peter 2

<sup>1</sup> But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

<sup>2</sup> Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

<sup>3</sup> and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

<sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

<sup>6</sup> and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly *lives* thereafter;

<sup>7</sup> and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men

<sup>8</sup> (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

<sup>9</sup> *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

<sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority.

This is God's Word...



# Heresy, Heretics & Hope



Heresy

A heresy is defined as a view of “ultimate reality” that is wrong and therefore bad for you. You might believe that Diet Pepsi is better than Diet Coke or that the Big 12 is better than the SEC football conference. Now even though both of these are false realities, they are not bad for you to believe. They do not have eternal consequences.

- Belief in God
- Knowledge that He exists
- Knowledge of right from wrong
- Knowledge that Jesus is the only way to God
- Knowledge that one day Jesus will return
- Knowledge that one day we all will be held accountable before a Holy God

These are “ultimate realities.” To NOT believe them or examine them will have eternally BAD results.

# Heretics

## 7 Things the Passage Teaches Us About Heretics:

1. V. 1 False teachers/heretics are always among us
2. V. 1 Heretics are deceptive; “secretly” a word that means plastic
3. V. 1 Heretics’ doctrine is “destructive”
4. V. 2 Heretics’ influence is alluring, “sparkly”
5. V. 2 Heretics’ motives are impure, driven by greed and sensuality, which is self-centeredness and pride
6. V. 2 Heretics’ lifestyle will dishonor the truth of the gospel; truth maligned
7. Heretics are always headed to destruction



Justice & Hope

Peter shares 3 warning stories of God's justice meeting man's rebellion:

V. 4 Gen 6: the Sons of God. The rebellion of angels and God judging them.

V. 5 Gen 6-9: The Flood. Mankind was in rebellion; and for 120 years Noah built the ark and preached righteousness, BUT no one listened. Then came God's judgment. Noah and his family were saved.

V. 6 Gen 19: Sodom & Gomorrah. Mankind was in rebellion; and God passed judgment, but saved Lot.

The heretics were saying that God is love, that He would not judge mankind, that God is NOT coming back, that there is freedom in your thoughts and actions, and that the idea of hell and judgment are outdated. Heretics' bottom line—the God I know would never do that.

2 Peter tells us that there are 2 types of people in this world:

1. There are those whom God is rescuing daily from the trials and temptations of this world and who are submitting to the authority of Jesus.
2. There are those who are following the instincts of their flesh and being prepared for punishment on the day of judgment.

The question is which one are you? Which one do you want to be?



## Some Heresies of North Dallas

1. We deserve all the blessings that we are receiving. We are receiving them because we are better or do things better than others. We work harder so we should receive the blessings. God wants us to have nice things and to enjoy them.
2. We can have it all: the awesome job, beautiful home, lots of stuff, and still walk with the Lord; no problem. The Lord would never call us to sacrifice anything; that would be unfair and unloving.
3. This is our best life now. This life on earth is the only thing that really matters; to live with eternity in mind is not prudent or realistic. Grace abounds, and Jesus has not come back and may never come back, at least NOT in our lifetime; you are forgiven.
4. We can do it if we work hard. Everything we have is because we worked for it. Nothing is free. If God is in it, then it cannot fail. Failure is NOT an option.

## Hebrews 5:

<sup>11</sup> Concerning Jesus we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

<sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, **who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.**