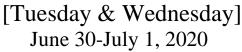


# Faith Missionary Baptist Church

# **BIBLE STUDY**



## **LESSON 4**



### Watch Out For Counterfeit Teachers Pt. 2 2 Peter 2:1-11-22

### INTRODUCTION

As we continue our lesson on counterfeit teachers Peter uses strong and descriptive words to describe their character. His motive is to warn the church of them and to let them know how dangerous they are to the body. False prophets in the past and in today's time always have a large following. They are agents of Satan to deter the church from the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Watch out for messages that do not denounce sin. Watch out for messages that downplay the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Watch out for arm-twisting and brainwashing techniques. Watch out for the one who is always exalting themselves rather than exalting Christ. Watch out for so-called blessing plans. Watch out for eye catching techniques such as holy oil, holy water, prayer clothes with a price attached to them. Watch out for the one who twist and misquote the word of God. Watch out for teachers who play on your emotions and flatter you with flashy words. In today's lesson we are going to see some examples of false teachers and how they led people astray to their doom.

- A. All about self-
- B. They disrespect authority.
- C. Self-willed.
- D. Presumptuous-deliberate
- E. Revile against angels, God's messengers.
- F. Godly angels do not bring an indictment to God on them.
- G. They are wild animals destined for destruction
- H. Speak evil of the things they do not understand

- A. False teachers will receive the wages of unrighteousness
- B. They carouse or sport themselves in the daytime. (No shame, open)
- C. They are spots and blemishes carousing in their deception
- D. While they feast with you.
- E. They have lustful eyes looking for loose women
- f. Trained in covetous practices-more money, more power, more prestige
- G. Are accursed children

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading-2 <u>Peter 2:14b-16</u>......The Revolting of The False Teachers

- A. Have forsaken the right way
- B. Gone astray
- C. Following the way of Balaam
- D. Balaam was rebuked for his iniquity
- E. Balaam was restrained by a talking donkey

4th Reading- 2 Peter 2:17-18	<b>Phony Promises Equals Phony Freedom</b>
A. These-False prophets	
B. Wells without water-descriptive poetic expression-big promises and no delivery	
C. Clouds carried with a storm	
D. Inflated words with no substance	
E. They speak swelling words(braggadocious)	
F. Fatal attraction with words (captivate) See 1 Cor. 2:1-5	
5 <sup>th</sup> Reading-2 Peter 2:19-20Bo	und By Bondage and Promising Freedom
A. Backsliding worst than before	·
B. Teaching freedom but in bondage	
C. Servants of corruption	
D. Reformation is not regeneration	
6 <sup>th</sup> Reading-2 Peter 2:21-22.	A False Experience.
A. The danger of turning away from the holy commandments	•
B. They lived up to the old proverb- The dog returns to his vomit (gross) See Prover	bs 26:11
C. They never trusted Christ	
D. Not sheep but pigs and dogs in nature.	

### **TWO FALSE PROPHETS CASES**

The Jonestown Massacre- Jim Jones

E. Surface profession of faith.

On November 18, 1978, when more than 900 members of an American cult called the Peoples Temple died in a mass suicide-murder under the direction of their leader Jim Jones (1931-78). It took place at the so-called Jonestown settlement in the South American nation of Guyana. Jones had founded what became the Peoples Temple in Indiana in the 1950s, then relocated his congregation to California in the 1960s. In the 1970s, following negative media attention, the powerful, controlling preacher moved with some 1,000 of his followers to the Guyanese jungle, where he promised they would establish a utopian community. On November 18, 1978, U.S. Representative Leo Ryan, who had gone to Jonestown to investigate claims of abuse, was murdered along with four members of his delegation. That same day, Jones ordered his followers to ingest poison-laced punch while armed guards stood by.

Marshall White And Heaven's Gate Church

"I can Take You Out of Here. Come And Follow Me.
This Is Your Last Chance."

When first responders answered a 911 call to an upmarket suburban California home on March 26, 1997, they could never have expected the shocking scene that awaited them: 39 bodies, carefully arranged, laid out under purple sheets, each person's feet bedecked with trendy black Nike sneakers.

The unforgettable crime scene images would soon be seared into the public consciousness as it emerged that the deaths were the result of a mass suicide by a cult known as Heaven's Gate — who believed they were travelling by space ship to a higher level. Videos recorded by wide-eyed leader Marshall Applewhite, 65, are still instantly recognizable 20 years later — as academics, the public and authorities still wonder about the largest mass suicide on US soil.

### Lessons Learned From These Two Cases

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**MEMORY VERSES**: "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. ----2 Peter 2:21