

The Second Epistle of Peter

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we continue reading Peter's second epistle, this time taking a closer look at **chapter 2**, which can be divided into three subsections:

Read 2 Peter 2:1-3

- How does **2:1** relate to **1:19-21**?
- What kind of heresies do these men introduce? (**2:1**).
- What is the motivation of these teachers of heresy? (**2:3**).

Read 2 Peter 2:4-9

- Peter uses the three examples of judged angels, the generation of Noah and the twin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to establish what two conclusions? (**2:4-9**).

Read 2 Peter 2:10-22

- What is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority? (**2:10**).
- Peter describes them as bold and arrogant because they do what? (**2:11**).
- Peter says that not even the angels bring slanderous accusations against whom? (**2:12**).
- How do these men blaspheme? (**2:13**).
- List the various expressions of "the corrupt desire of the flesh" mentioned by Peter in **2:13-14**.
- What are these men experts in? (**2:14**).
- Why does Peter compare these men to Balaam? (**2:15-16**) (read **Numbers 22-24**).
- What do these men appeal to? (**2:18**).
- What do they promise and what do they end up giving? (**2:19**).
- How does **2:20** relate to **1:4**?
- What does Peter mean by the two proverbs he quotes in **2:22**?

Memory Verse

If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

2 Peter 2:20

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!