

“GOD PROTECTS”

—Show discernment and trust God’s protection—
2 Peter 2:4-10a

Introduction:

I. If you ever think that false teachers and the evil they produce in the world are just _____ with everything, think again. vv.4,5a, 6, 9b-10a

A. God knows how to _____ them and He will.
vv.4, 5a, 6, 9b

1. A few examples serve as good reminders: vv.4, 5a, 6

a) God did not spare angels who rebelled against Him.
v.4

b) God did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people. v.5a

c) God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes. v.6

B. As surely as God has judged evil and rebellion in the past, He will do so in the _____. v.9b-10a

II. If you ever think you might be _____ with all the evil in the world, think again. vv.5b, 7-8, 9a

A. God knows how to _____ for His people and He will.

1. A couple of examples serve as good reminders:

a) God protected Noah when He brought the flood.
v.5b (Gen. 6-7).

b) God rescued Lot when he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. v.7 (Gen. 19)

B. As surely as God has rescued his people in the past, He will get us _____ our trials, too. v.9a

(Blanks in order: I. getting away; A. judge; B. future; II. going under; A. care; B. through)

*Questions for reflection or discussion based on the sermon, “God Protects,”
message #4 from the Memos from Heaven series:*

Getting started: Read the text (2 Peter 2:4-10a). Did God speak to you through the sermon? If so, what did he say?

Content: The main idea of this passage is that sometimes it feels like everyone is getting away with everything and that we ourselves may suffer loss because of this. However, God will protect us. Considering this, answer the following questions:

1. In a society where God’s judgment is often played down or held in disbelief, how does this section of Scripture overturn the prevailing sentiment that there isn’t anything to fear? Is the judgment of God a motivating or contemplative theme in your life?
2. According to this text, how has history proven that God does not ultimately allow evil to triumph?
3. Lot is said to have been “tormented by the lawless deeds he saw and heard” in his day. What parallel do you see of this in your own life? In your opinion, are God’s people more repulsed by evil today or simply numb to it? What is the basis of your opinion? Which is it for you?
4. How does 3:9 bring comfort and encouragement to us as we observe the prevailing ills of our day and the apparent disbelief in God ever doing anything about it?

Wrapping up: Take time to ask God to give you confidence and boldness for living in a day such as ours. Pray that God will sharpen our senses and to warn people of the coming judgment that will certainly come one day.