

## II Peter 2:11-14

**11.** Whereas **ANGELS, who are GREATER in POWER and MIGHT**, do not bring a **REVILING ACCUSATION** against them before the Lord.

- **Jude 8-9** "Likewise also these dreamers defile the \_\_\_\_\_, reject \_\_\_\_\_, and speak \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Yet Micheal the archangel, in contending with the \_\_\_\_\_, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared \_\_\_\_\_ bring against him a reviling \_\_\_\_\_, but said, 'The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you!'"
- **Psalm 103:20** "Bless the Lord, you His \_\_\_\_\_, who excel in \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, heeding (obeying) the voice of His word!"

**Definition: "ANGELS, who are GREATER in POWER and MIGHT"** - Angels are spirit beings created by God. Because they are not limited to a physical body, as humans are, they are **"GREATER in POWER and MIGHT"** and can perform amazing deeds that we cannot do, including traveling back and forth from heaven to earth. **Angels perform whatever God tells them to do**, but they are especially used by God to protect and deliver God's true children, the Believers in Jesus Christ. To "minister for those who will inherit salvation" means they render service to believers in Jesus Christ, and even to those who have not yet believed, but that God knows they will believe in the future.

- **Hebrews 1:14** "Are they not all ministering \_\_\_\_\_, sent forth to \_\_\_\_\_ for those who will inherit \_\_\_\_\_?"
- **Psalm 91:11-12** "For He shall give His \_\_\_\_\_ charge over \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ (guard) you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you \_\_\_\_\_ your foot against a stone."
- **Genesis 24:40** "But he said to me, 'The \_\_\_\_\_, before whom I walk, will \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ with you and prosper your way (make your journey successful)....'"
- **Acts 12:7 & 11** "Now behold, an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the \_\_\_\_\_; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, 'Arise quickly!' And his \_\_\_\_\_ fell off his hands." (Vs. 11) "And when Peter had come to himself, he said, 'Now I know for certain that the \_\_\_\_\_ has sent His \_\_\_\_\_ and has delivered me from the hand of Herod.....'"
- **Acts 5:19-20** "But at night an \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ opened the \_\_\_\_\_ doors and brought them out, and said, 'Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.'"
- **Hebrews 1:6-7** "But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, 'Let all the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ worship Him.' And of the \_\_\_\_\_ He says, 'Who makes His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ a flame of fire.'"

**Definition: "A REVILING ACCUSATION against THEM"** - According to Strong's Concordance, the word "reviling" ("**railing**" in King James Version) means **blasphemous or evil speaking, and "accusation" means condemnation, judgment or damnation.** The "them" Peter is speaking about is still the false teachers he began talking about in the beginning of Chapter Two. These false teachers and preachers are not afraid to make judgments, even bring words of condemnation and damnation against everything that is holy, but the angels of God do not reciprocate and bring accusations against them. **The angels leave the judging and**

**condemning of the false teachers to God, who will certainly judge them at the proper time.** God's angels do have a part in the final judgment of unbelievers, but again, they only do it at God's command, not on their own initiative.

- **Matthew 13:49-50** "So it will be at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ will come forth, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of \_\_\_\_\_. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

**Definition: "MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL..... DARED NOT bring against HIM a reviling accusation"** - Some Christians get confused here, thinking that, if angels who are mightier in strength than we humans cannot bring an accusation against Satan, then how can we tell people to resist the devil and speak directly against and to him. Well, for one thing, the angels are only mightier in strength because of our physical limitations. **The angels were never given AUTHORITY over Satan and his kingdom, but the Believers in Jesus Christ do have that authority!** Jesus gave it to us Himself, and even though we are physically limited and weak in that sense, **we have far greater spiritual authority than the angels.** Michael, even though an archangel (one of the highest in the order of angels), was still just a created being **on the same level as Satan**, because Satan used to be the archangel Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-17, Ezekiel 28:13-18). God's word tells us about OUR POSITION IN CHRIST. The Bible tells us over and over again that we are IN CHRIST. Since Jesus Christ has been given ALL AUTHORITY over Satan, WE have authority over Satan because we are IN CHRIST. James 4:7 says that after we SUBMIT OURSELVES to GOD, then WE are the ones who are to RESIST Satan, and he will FLEE (run away) from US! Satan and his demons are not afraid of US, but they are afraid of Jesus, and we are IN HIM.

- **Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to trample on serpents and scorpions (Satan and his demons), and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall by any means hurt you."
- **Mark 16:17-18** "And these signs will follow \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_; in My name they will \_\_\_\_\_ out \_\_\_\_\_....."

**12-13.** But these, **like NATURAL BRUTE BEASTS, made to be caught and destroyed**, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will UTTERLY PERISH in their own corruption, and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are **SPOTS and BLEMISHES, CAROUSING in their own DECEPTIONS**, while they feast with you,

- **Jude 10** "But these speak \_\_\_\_\_ of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like \_\_\_\_\_, in these things they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves."
- **Jude 12** "These are \_\_\_\_\_ in your love \_\_\_\_\_, while they \_\_\_\_\_ with you without fear, serving only \_\_\_\_\_; they are clouds without water, carried about by the winds....."

**Definition: "Like NATURAL BRUTE BEASTS, made to be caught and destroyed"** - Peter, by the inspiration of God, compares these false teachers to wild animals whose only purpose in this fallen world is for them to be caught and killed, either for food, or for protection from them. This is harsh language, and shows how God feels about false teachers who lead people astray from His truth. Yes, God will judge these false teachers and preachers at the Last Judgment, and then **God will throw them into the Lake of Fire, where they "will UTTERLY PERISH** in their own corruption, and will receive the wages of unrighteousness".

- **Romans 6:23** "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is death (in hell); but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord."
- **Hebrews 9:27** "And as it is appointed for men to \_\_\_\_\_ once, but \_\_\_\_\_ this the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Matthew 10:28** "And do not fear those who kill the body but \_\_\_\_\_ kill the \_\_\_\_\_. But rather \_\_\_\_\_ Him who is able to destroy both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Revelation 20:11-15** "Then I saw a great white \_\_\_\_\_ and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the \_\_\_\_\_, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ according to their \_\_\_\_\_, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead [bodies] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were \_\_\_\_\_, each one according to his works. Then death and Hades were \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. This is the second death. And anyone who was \_\_\_\_\_ found written in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was cast (thrown) into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Revelation 21:27** "But there shall by no means enter it (heaven) anything that defiles, or causes an \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_, but only those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "They are SPOTS and BLEMISHES... while they FEAST WITH YOU"**  
 - These false teachers are "rotten spots" and blemishes in the Christian church. They "feast" along side the real Christians, which means they will be at your church potluck dinners and fellowships, and will seem like real Christians on the outside. **Paul calls them WOLVES in Acts 20:28-31, and Jesus calls them WOLVES in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15-17).**

- **Acts 20:28-31** "Therefore take \_\_\_\_\_ to yourselves and to all the \_\_\_\_\_, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage \_\_\_\_\_ will come in \_\_\_\_\_ you, not sparing the flock. Also from among \_\_\_\_\_ men will rise up, speaking \_\_\_\_\_ (twisted) things, to draw away the \_\_\_\_\_ after themselves. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_, and remember that for three years I did not cease to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone night and day with tears."
- **Matthew 7:15-17 & 22-23** "Beware of \_\_\_\_\_ prophets, who come to you in \_\_\_\_\_ clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous \_\_\_\_\_. You will know them by their \_\_\_\_\_. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a \_\_\_\_\_ tree bears \_\_\_\_\_ fruit." (Verses 22-23) "Many will \_\_\_\_\_ to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not \_\_\_\_\_ in Your \_\_\_\_\_, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I \_\_\_\_\_ knew you; depart from Me, you who practice \_\_\_\_\_.'"

**14. Having EYES FULL of ADULTERY and that cannot cease from sin, BEGUILING UNSTABLE SOULS. They have a HEART trained in COVETOUS practices (GREED), and are ACCURSED children.**

- **Matthew 5:27-28** "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall \_\_\_\_\_ commit \_\_\_\_\_.' But I say to you that whoever \_\_\_\_\_ at a

- \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for her has already committed \_\_\_\_\_ with her in his \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Matthew 15:18-20** "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the \_\_\_\_\_, and they defile a man. For out of the \_\_\_\_\_ proceed evil \_\_\_\_\_, murders, \_\_\_\_\_, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man...."

**Definition: "EYES FULL of ADULTERY and that CANNOT CEASE from SIN" - "Thou shalt not commit adultery" is the seventh of the Ten**

**Commandments.** Jesus said that even lustful thoughts towards another person are the same as committing the sin of adultery or fornication. The New Testament calls having lustful thoughts the sin of "uncleanness" and talks as much about our thoughts being clean and God-honoring as our actions. The eyes are the "gateway" to the soul or mind, so **"having EYES full of adultery" would mean a person is constantly looking around and thinking about sexual sin**, which the Bible calls adultery or fornication. God's word uses the terms **ADULTERY and FORNICATION, which means ANY sexual intercourse other than between a man and woman MARRIED to each other.** Some of the newer Bible versions translate "fornication" as "sexual immorality," but it is the same word in the Greek: **"porneia," from which we get our word "PORNOGRAPHY".**

- **Ephesians 5:3-4** "But \_\_\_\_\_ and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it \_\_\_\_\_ even be named among you, as is fitting for \_\_\_\_\_; neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are \_\_\_\_\_ fitting (proper), but rather giving of thanks."
- **I Thessalonians 4:3-7** "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ immorality; that each of you should know how to possess (keep) his own vessel (body) in \_\_\_\_\_ and honor, \_\_\_\_\_ in passion of \_\_\_\_\_, like the Gentiles who do \_\_\_\_\_ know \_\_\_\_\_; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did \_\_\_\_\_ call us to \_\_\_\_\_ (impurity), but in holiness."
- **Hebrews 13:4** "Marriage is honorable among all, and the [marriage] bed undefiled; but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God will \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "BEGUILING UNSTABLE SOULS" - To "beguile" means to lure by means of deception, to trick and deceive. "Unstable souls" are those who are not strong in the word of God, and perhaps not even saved at all, and by reason of their psychological instability, they are easily fooled and lured into false cults and religions by these false teachers. God's word gives us instructions on how to GUARD ourselves from being deceived by false teachers.** We are to JUDGE and EXAMINE their teachings to see if they agree with God's word, and we are to JUDGE and EXAMINE their LIVES to see if they are bearing good fruit. Jesus said, **"You will know them by their FRUITS" (Matt. 7:15-16)**, so we have the right to judge someone's ministry or teaching to see if it is truly from God or not. God wants us to be "fruit inspectors". **The Lord EXPECTS us to be DISCERNING**, and He certainly expects us to check everything out with His word (Hebrews 5:11-14, Acts 17:11). God expects us **to NOT be IGNORANT** of Satan's schemes and tricks! What should our attitude and responsibility be towards false prophets, false teaching, and false believers? We are told to "note and avoid them" in Romans 16:17-18, to take HEED, BEWARE and WATCH in Acts 20:28-31 and Matthew 16:6 & 12, and **to CHECK everything out by the WORD** in Acts 17:11. **"Take heed" means to pay attention** or take notice. We must be AWARE of what others are teaching, but how can you know if it is right or wrong, if you don't know the word of God? You must **STUDY the word** and **SEARCH the word** to check out whether a certain teaching is from God or not.