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2 Peter 2:5-9

## ***Discrimination in Judgment***

### Introduction

Three historical illustrations which confirm the reality of judgment:

1. The angels that sinned (2:4)
2. The flood of Noah (2:5)
3. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (2:6-8)

God's judgment of evildoers is certain, but His judgment is discriminating.

Peter presents two examples of the discriminating judgment of the Lord.

Example # 1-God brought judgment on the ancient world, **but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others** (2:5).

God delivered Noah from the pollutions of the world.

Matthew 5:16

God delivered Noah from the judgment of the world

Example # 2-God **rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless**  
(2:7)

Lot is called **a righteous man**

Negatively - - -

Positively + + +

**Lot was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless (2:7)**

**Lot was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard (2:8)**

3. The doom of false teachers 2:3b-9

1). The certainty of their doom pronounced 2:3b

2). The certainty of their doom illustrated 2:4-8

3). The certainty of their doom assured 2:9

Matthew 7:13-14

Contrast # 1-There is protection for the godly 2:9a

Contrast # 2-There is punishment for the ungodly 2:9b

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

### **Questions for Consideration**

1. Why is it that most people think that when they die they will go to heaven?
2. Why are people not afraid of God's judgment?
3. Are we as believers troubled by the wickedness of our world and our own American society? How are we troubled?
4. What can we do on a daily basis to make sure that we are not being overcome by the wickedness of the world?
5. How can we use the message of these verses to challenge people to trust in Jesus Christ while they still have opportunity to do so?