Core Seminars—New Testament
Class 22: 2 Peter & Jude: Perseverance in the Midst of Falsehood

“Be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men.” – 2 Pet. 3:17

“Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.” – Jude 3

I. INTRODUCTION: The Airport Bookstore

- 2 Peter 2:1, Jude v.4: “Among you”

Purpose: To warn Christians against false teaching and to encourage them to persevere in the true faith.

II. AUTHORSHIP, AUDIENCE & CONTEXT

- 2 Peter 1:1, 1:16, 2:1
- Jude 1, 4

Key Similarities

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Next Week: The Book of 1 Thessalonians
IV. MAIN THEMES OF 2 PETER AND JUDE

A. THE CERTAINTY OF YOUR CALL
   • Salvation is God’s work – Jude 1, 2 Pet. 1:3-4
   • Make your calling and election sure – 2 Pet. 1:5-11
   • Examine the fruit of your life – 2 Pet. 1:5-7
   • Depend on the mercy of Jesus – Jude 21

B. THE CERTAINTY OF GOD’S TRUTH
   • Remember the apostles’ words – Jude 17-18
   • Trust the Old Testament Scripture – 2 Pet. 1:19-21
   • Trust the writings of Paul – 2 Pet. 3:15-16
   • Recall God’s Word – 2 Pet. 3:2

C. THE CERTAINTY OF BAD FRUIT FROM FALSE TEACHING
   • Flawed doctrine – 2 Pet. 3:4, Jude 4 – “Antinomianism”
   • Godless lifestyle:
     o Rejecting authority – 2 Pet. 2:10
     o Embracing immorality – 2 Pet. 2:13-14
     o Serving only themselves – Jude 12, 16
   • Our response: Contend for the faith – Jude 3, 2 Pet. 3:17

D. THE CERTAINTY OF GOD’S JUDGMENT
   • Judgment to punish ungodliness – Jude 14-15
   • The folly of denying God’s judgment – 2 Pet. 3:8-9
   • The unexpectedness of the day of the Lord – 2 Pet. 3:10
   • Living in light of God’s coming judgment:
     o Pursue holiness – 2 Pet. 3:11-12
     o Look forward – 2 Pet. 3:14

V. CONCLUSION: He is able to keep us from falling (Jude 24-25)