2 Peter 2:10-22 Three Rs and Deception

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WARNING! BEWARE of FALSE PROPHETS!

The Three R's:

Reviling -

"A reviler is a person who uses words to damage, control, or insult someone's character or reputation. Today we would call a reviler a verbal abuser. Reviler is a multi-purpose word that is used in the Bible to describe all manner of verbal sin, such as slander, angry outbursts, and foul language. Reviling is usually listed with sins we would consider greater, such as homosexuality and theft (1 Corinthians 6:9–10; 2 Timothy 3:2–3). Paul lists revilers among the sexually immoral and drunkards in 1 Corinthians 5:11, and he instructs the church to have nothing to do with such people if they claim to be Christians."
https://www.gotquestions.org/reviler-in-the-Bible.html

2 Peter 2:9 NKJV - [then] the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,
2 Peter 2:10 NKJV - and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and **despise authority.** [They are] presumptuous, self-willed. **They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries**,
2 Peter 2:11 NKJV - whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.
2 Peter 2:12 NKJV - 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,
NLT = **They scoff at things they do not understand**

> Jude 1:8 NLT - In the same way, these people--who claim authority from their dreams--live immoral liveS, **defy authority**, and **scoff** at supernatural beings.
> Jude 1:10 NLT - But these people **scoff at things they do not understand**. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction.
> Jude 1:16 NLT - These people are **grumblers and complainers**, living only to satisfy their desires. They brag loudly about themselves, and they flatter others to get what they want.

Reveling -

A revel is a wild party. Revelry or reveling (also spelled revelling) is participation in a noisy, often drunken celebration. In 2 Peter 2:13, reveling means "engaging in self-indulgence." Peter warns about false teachers who have infiltrated the church: "They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you."

Reveling, from a different Greek word as used in 2 Peter 2:13, is also mentioned in Romans 13:13: "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness" (ERV). Galatians 5:21 (KJV) lists "revellings" among the works of the flesh that characterize those who will not inherit the kingdom of God. First Peter 4:3 speaks of "lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, parties, and abominable idolatries" (AKJV) as part of the old life, before we were saved. Other translations use words like carousing, orgies, and wild parties in these verses. In ancient Greek culture, a revel was a group of partiers who paraded through the streets after dinner, drunk and unruly, singing and playing instruments in honor of a deity, usually Bacchus. The biblical word revelings refers to rowdy, disorderly parties that go late into the night and consist of drinking, feasting, and other bad behavior.

The general idea of reveling, as it is used in the Bible, is always negative. For example, Romans 13:13–14 says, "Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies [reveling] and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." Here reveling implies out-of-control behaviors that usually accompany intoxication, partying, and unbridled lust.
https://www.compellingtruth.org/reveling-Bible.html

2 Peter 2:13 NKJV - [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,

DD They have deceived themselves!

> 2 Peter 3:16 NKJV - as also in all his epistles[Paul's], speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable [people] **twist to their own destruction, as [they do] also the rest of the Scriptures.**

DD - while they feast with you.. Warren Wiersbe in his commentary says they attend church meetings for two reasons:

1. To satisfy their own lusts
2. To capture converts for their own cause

DD They are spots and blemishes that Paul said should be removed:

> Ephesians 5:27 NLT - He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church **without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish**. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

2 Peter 2:14 NKJV - having eyes full of adultery and that **cannot cease from sin**, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, [and are] accursed children.

> DD They think they have "freedom".
> 2 Peter 2:19 NLT - They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you.

Rebelling

The meaning of REBEL is *opposing or taking arms against a government or ruler*.

2 Peter 2:15 NKJV - **They have forsaken the right way and gone astray,** following the way of Balaam the [son] of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Although God told him NOT to curse Israel, he told the Midianites what to do that Gow would curse them,

Numbers 31:16 NLT - "These are the very ones who followed Balaam's advice and **caused the people of Israel to rebel against the LORD** at Mount Peor. They are the ones who caused the plague to strike the LORD's people.

In the message to the church in Pergamum:
Revelation 2:14 NLT - "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, **who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin.**

Note: Balaam was killed.
Numbers 31:8 NLT - All five of the Midianite kings--Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba--died in the battle. They also killed Balaam son of Beor with the sword.

2 Peter 2:16 NLT - But Balaam was stopped from his **mad** course when his donkey rebuked him with a human voice.

What Balaam did was “maddness”!

Rebels are like the tares. They will be destroyed.

Matthew 13:30 NKJV - 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "
Matthew 13:36 NKJV - Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."
Matthew 13:38 NKJV - "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked [one].
Matthew 13:40 NKJV - "Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

The DECEPTION - Promising false freedom

2 Peter 2:17 NLT - These people are as useless as dried-up springs or as mist blown away by the wind. They are doomed to blackest darkness.

> A dried up spring is useless - there is NO water there.
> Like rain clouds blown away… or storm clouds with tornadoes
> The false prophets promise light, but the end is darkness
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> John 4:13 NKJV - Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,
> John 4:14 NKJV - "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

2 Peter 2:18 NLT - They brag about themselves with empty, foolish boasting. With an appeal to twisted sexual desires, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of deception.
2 Peter 2:19 NLT - They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you.

James 1:25 NKJV - But he who looks into the **perfect law of liberty** and continues [in it], and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Romans 8:1 NKJV - [There is] therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
Romans 8:2 NKJV - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
Romans 8:3 NKJV - For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God [did] by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,
Romans 8:4 NKJV - that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
Romans 8:5 NKJV - For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those [who live] according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
Romans 8:6 NKJV - **For to be carnally minded [is] death, but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace.**
Romans 8:7 NKJV - Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
Romans 8:8 NKJV - So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

2 Peter 2:20 NLT - And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before.
2 Peter 2:21 NLT - It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life.
2 Peter 2:22 NLT - They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."

Why is it such a bad thing to do?

Hebrews 10:26 NKJV - For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
Hebrews 10:27 NKJV - but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.
Hebrews 10:28 NKJV - Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on [the testimony of] two or three witnesses.
Hebrews 10:29 NKJV - Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

Hence, Peter’s warning to beware of false prophets!

2 Peter 2:1 NLT - But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves.
2 Peter 2:2 NLT - Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered.