





1. Saruman was very much on the "inside" before de-converting.



2. Saruman became enamored by the ways of the enemy.



3. Saruman mocked his old allies, insisting they were uneducated simpletons.



4. Saruman presented his de-conversion as a step toward enlightenment.

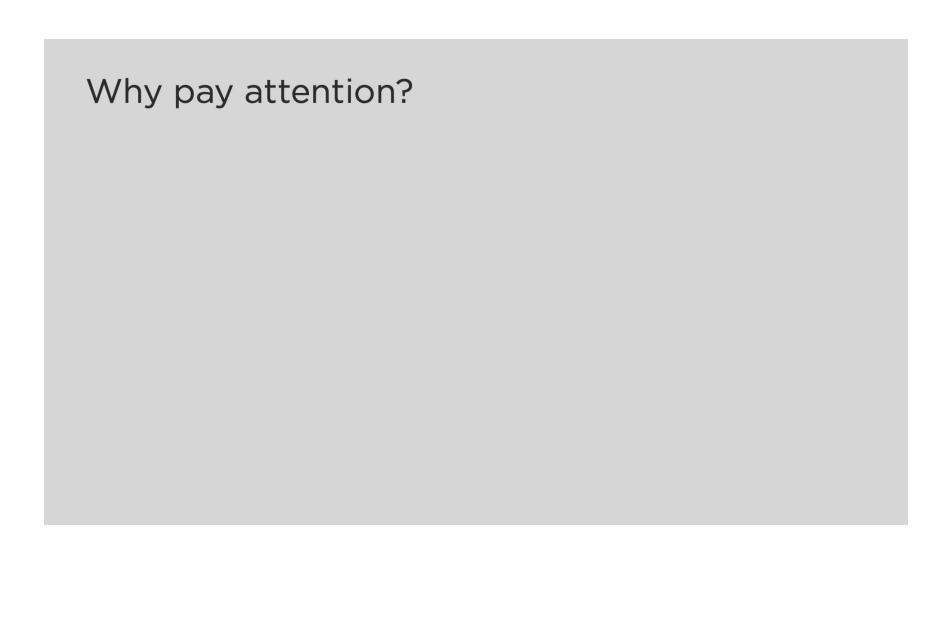


5. Saruman tries to convince others to join him in his de-conversion.



"And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."

2 Peter 1:19

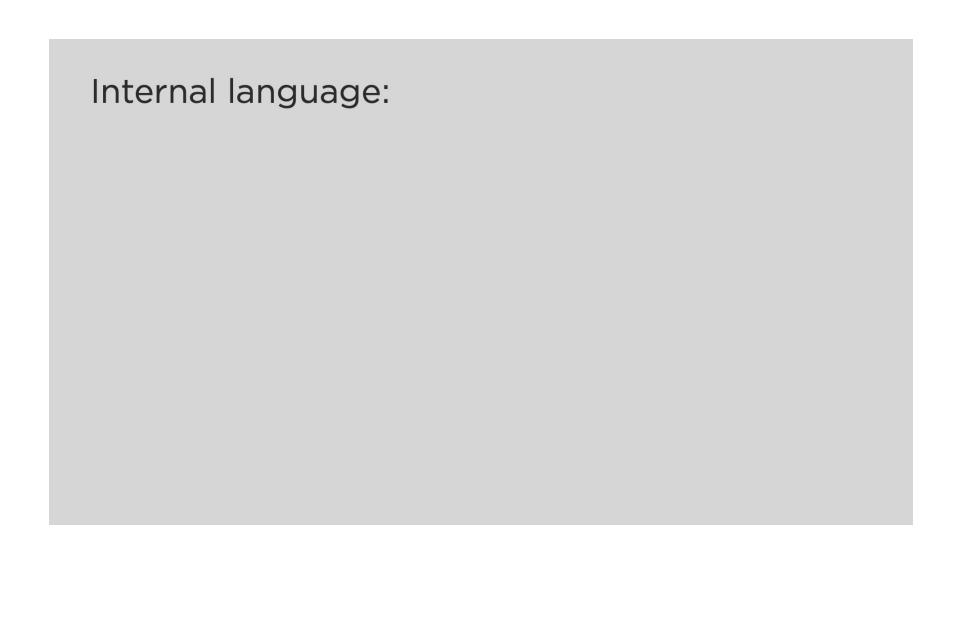


False teachers are ...

1. coming

"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction."

2 Peter 2:1



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"Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray."

2 Peter 2:15a

"For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

"For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them."

2 Peter 2:20-21

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

Matthew 7:15

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. "I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

"Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears."

Acts 20:28-31

"He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."

Titus 1:9

# False Teacher Meter Contentious Careful Compliant

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"And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed." (2)

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

1 Peter 2:11-12

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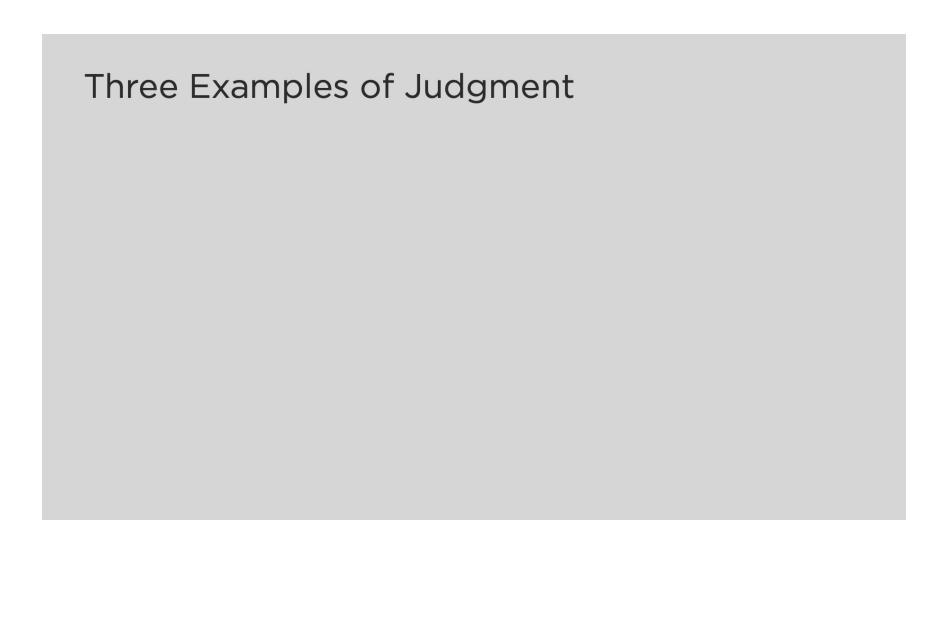
- 1. coming
- 2. convincing
- 3. condemning

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# 3. condemning

"And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep." (3)



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"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment." (4)

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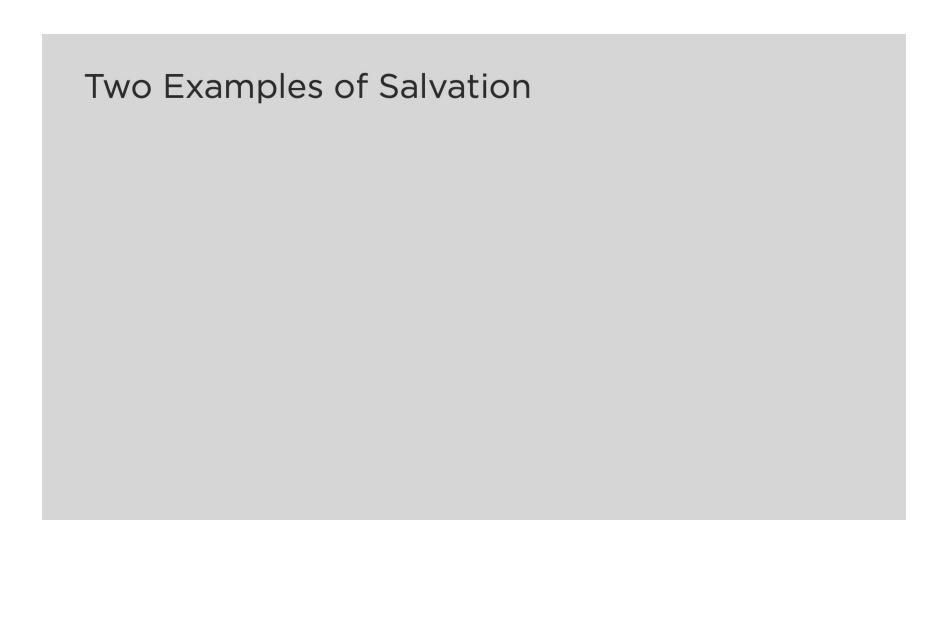
"if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;" (5)

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"if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;" (6) "And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Luke 13:2-3



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- Noah
- Lot

"and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);"

2 Peter 2:7-8

"then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,"

2 Peter 2:9

The Lord knows -

how to rescue the godly

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, "so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."

2 Peter 1:3-4

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- how to keep the unrighteous under punishment

"I had an atheist friend ask me how I could live with the narrow claims of Christianity. 'How do you feel about being so narrow-minded?' he asked me. I was a bit amused by the irony of his question.

"So I responded to my friend: 'I am a Christian. Christianity is still the world's largest religion, so that means I'm in agreement with a lot of religious people.

"Second, I believe there is only one God, and on that point I share agreement with even religions like Judaism and Islam that teach there is only one God. "Third, I believe there is something outside of nature, some greater power, which according to international surveys, shows I agree with the vast majority of people breathing air on this planet right now. "You, on the other hand,' I told my friend, 'think they're all wrong. Every religion. Every person who believes there is some kind of higher power or purpose. You believe every last one of them is wrong. Doesn't that make you extremely narrow-minded?"

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. "And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. "But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John 3:16-21