

# They Have Not Discovered Thine Iniquity

## I. Introduction:

A. Unlike generations of old, thousands of years ago, we now have all of the information readily available that we need for life and godliness (**II Peter 1:3-4**).

1. With knowledge comes accountability (**James 4:17**).

2. Think about how revelation leaves no excuse (**John 15:18-25**).

B. Those who take the lead in teaching and guiding God's people are expected to use knowledge to keep God's people faithful (**I Peter 5:1-3** and **I Timothy 4:16**).

1. Unfortunately leaders don't always do their job (**Isaiah 9:16**, **Isaiah 56:10-12**, and **Ezekiel 34:1-2**).

2. They will answer for that (**Ezekiel 3:16-21**), but so will those who follow them (**Matthew 15:1-14**).

## II. Body: **Lamentations 2:14**

A. What kind of people want leaders that won't point out their errors (**Amos 2:6-12**)?

1. Think of those who would celebrate the corruption of their leaders (**Jeremiah 5:31**).

2. Those who, from top to bottom, deal falsely want false peace (**Jeremiah 6:13-14**).

B. To promote false peace, corrupt guides will not expose sinfulness to bring about change (**Jeremiah 23:11-14** and **Ezekiel 13:22**).

1. They will cause people to trust in a lie (**Jeremiah 28:15**).

2. Teaching has to serve the intended purposes (**Matthew 28:18-20**, **Colossians 1:28**, and **I Thessalonians 5:12-14**).

3. False teachers will allure [entrap, entice, bait] with empty swelling words (**II Peter 2:18**), using the fleshly desires of the people (**Micah 2:11**).

4. This makes teaching the truth even harder (**Jeremiah 6:10**).

5. Those who refuse to hear those that teach the truth are not rejecting the man, but the author of the truth (**I Thessalonians 4:1-8**).

C. For truth to be heard, those who would deceive need to cease having an audience (**Jeremiah 27:14-17**, **Jeremiah 29:8-9**, and **Ephesians 5:6-11**).

1. They need exposed (**Romans 16:17-18**) by NAME (**II Timothy 2:14-18**).

2. Their mouths must be stopped (**Titus 1:10-14**).

3. Who can they deceive if we all stop listening (**Proverbs 19:27**)?

III. Conclusion: Always ask, of those whom you'd allow to teach you, that they tell you what you NEED to hear rather than what you want to hear! For, to be saved, you need a love of the truth (**II Thessalonians 2:10**).