

ARE THERE REALLY FALSE TEACHERS TODAY?

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THE BIBLE WARNS OF FALSE PROPHETS, ONES WHO PRETEND TO BE PREACHERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT ARE ACTUALLY SERVANTS OF THE DEVIL.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:13-15 - PAUL WARNS,

"FOR SUCH ARE FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES INTO APOSTLES OF CHRIST. AND NO WONDER IF FOR SATAN HIMSELF TRANSFORMS HIMSELF INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. THEREFORE, IT IS NO GREAT THING IF HIS MINISTERS ALSO TRANSFORM THEMSELVES INTO MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHOSE END WILL BE ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS."

1 JOHN 4:1 - JOHN WARNS,

"BELOVED, DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TEST THE SPIRITS, WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD; BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD."

HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THESE WARNINGS, MANY TODAY ACT AS THOUGH THERE ARE FEW, OR NO, FALSE TEACHERS IN THE WORLD. THEY WILL GIVE THEIR GENERAL APPROVAL TO ALMOST ANY MAN WHO SAYS HE IS PREACHING THE GOSPEL BECAUSE THEY WANT TO CONTINUE IN THEIR FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER.

IN CONTRADICTION TO THE GENERAL FEELING AMONG RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT FALSE PROPHETS ABOUND.

THE APOSTLE JOHN SAID *"MANY HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD."* IS IT ANY DIFFERENT TODAY? RIGHT AFTER JESUS STATED THAT FEW WOULD MAKE IT TO HEAVEN WHILE MANY WILL GO TO HELL, HE WARNED US ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS.

MATTHEW 7:13-20-JESUS SAID,

"ENTER BY THE NARROW GATE; FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE WAY THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND THERE ARE MANY WHO GO IN BY IT. BECAUSE NARROW IS THE GATE AND DIFFICULT IS THE WAY WHICH LEADS TO LIFE, AND THERE ARE FEW WHO FIND IT."

NOTICE WHAT JESUS WARNS US ABOUT NEXT ...

"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHO COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENOUS WOLVES, YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS. DO MEN GATHER GRAPES FROM THORNBUSHES OR FIGS FROM THISTLES? EVEN SO, EVERY GOOD TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT, BUT A BAD TREE BEARS BAD FRUIT. A GOOD TREE CAN NOT BEAR BAD FRUIT, NOR CAN A BAD TREE BEAR GOOD FRUIT. EVERY TREE THAT DOES NOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT IS CUT DOWN AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE. THEREFORE, BY THEIR FRUITS YOU WILL KNOW THEM."

DO YOU SUPPOSE THERE IS ANY CONNECTION? MANY FALSE TEACHERS WILL DECEIVE MANY PEOPLE. FEW TEACHERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL PERSUADE FEW PEOPLE.

INSTEAD OF ENDORSING EVERYONE WHO IS A "PREACHER" OR SOMEONE WE HOLD AS RELIGIOUS AND ACCEPTING HIS TEACHING, WE ARE TO EXAMINE, TEST, AND TRY WHAT HE SAYS BY THE SCRIPTURE.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:21-22 - PAUL TELLS US,

"TEST ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST WHAT IS GOOD. ABSTAIN FROM EVERY FORM OF EVIL."

ACTS 17:11 - LUKE RECORDS THIS,

"THESE WERE MORE FAIR-MINDED (NOBLE) THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA, IN THAT THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS, AND SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY TO FIND OUT WHETHER THESE THINGS WERE SO."

THIS IS THE NOBLE CHARACTER IN WHICH WE SHOULD RECEIVE THE MESSAGE (WORD) AND WITH GREAT EAGERNESS EXAMINE THE SCRIPTURES, TO SEE WHAT THE WORD OF GOD TRULY IS. WHEN IT IS TRUE, ACCEPT IT AND LIVE BY IT. WHEN IT IS FALSE, REJECT IT AND HIM WHO IS TEACHING IT.

GALATIANS 1:8-9- PAUL STRESSES STRONGLY HERE,

"BUT EVEN IF WE, (THE APOSTLES) OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL TO YOU THAN WHAT WE HAVE PREACHED TO YOU, LET HIM BE ACCURSED. (anathema) AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, SO SAY I NOW AGAIN, IF ANY MAN PREACHES ANY OTHER GOSPEL TO YOU THAN WHAT YOU HAVE RECIOEVED, LET HIM BE ACCURSED." (anathema)

WHEN A MAN WILL NOT AFFIRM THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, REJECT HIM.

MATTHEW 16:16- MATTHEW RECORDS THE WORDS OF SIMON PETER SAYING,

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

WHEN A MAN WILL NOT TEACH THAT SALVATION IS OFFERED TO ALL MEN OF ALL RACES, REJECT HIM.

MARK 16:15 - JESUS SAID,

"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. WHEN A MAN WILL NOT SUPPORT THE WORDS OF THE LORD, THAT BAPTISM IS FOR SALVATION, REJECT HIM."

MARK 16:16 - JESUS SAID,

"HE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED; BUT HE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE DAMNED."

ACTS 2:38 - PETER TELLS US,

"REPENT, AND LET EVERY ONE OF YOU BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE RTEMISION OF SINS; AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

PLEASE, DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE FALSE TEACHERS IN THE WORLD. IF WHAT I TEACH IS FALSE, REJECT IT. ONLY FOLLOW THE WORD OF GOD! YET, IF WHAT I TEACH IS TRUE ACCORDING TO GOD'S REVELATION, RECEIVE IT AND ABIDE IN IT. I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN AND WANT YOU TO GO, TOO. PLEASE LET US TEST THE SPIRITS. THERE ARE FALSE TEACHERS OUT THERE.