

John Bevere Calls Out False Prophets

Jesus calls false prophets “wolves in sheep’s clothing” (Matt. 7:15). They are self-seeking men who give the appearance of being Christians (sheep’s clothing) but have the inward nature of a wolf. Wolves like to hang around sheep. They can be found in the congregation as well as in the pulpit. They are sent by the enemy to infiltrate and deceive. They must be identified by their fruits, not by their teachings or prophecies. Often the teaching can appear sound whereas the fruit in their lives and ministries is not. A minister or a Christian is what he lives, not what he preaches.

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Wolves always go after the wounded and young sheep, not the healthy, strong ones. These wolves will tell people what they want to hear, not what they need to hear. These people don’t want sound doctrine; they want someone to tickle their ears. Let’s look at what Paul says about the last days:

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be . . . unforgiving . . . having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!...For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth. (2 Tim. 3:1-5; 4:3-4).

Notice that they will have a form of godliness or “Christianity,” but they will deny its power. How will they deny its power? They deny that Christianity can change them from being unforgiving to forgiving.

They will boast of being followers of Jesus and proclaim their “new birth” experience, but what they boast of has not been allowed to pierce their hearts and bring forth the character of Christ.

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Paul could see prophetically that these deceived men and women would have a zeal for knowledge but remain unchanged since they never apply it. He described them as “always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Tim. 3:7).

If Paul were alive today he would grieve to see what he foretold in operation. He would see multitudes of men and women attending camp meetings, seminars, and church services amassing a knowledge of the Scriptures. He would watch them hunt for “new revelation” in order to live more selfish, successful lives. He’d see ministers taking one another to court for “righteous causes.”

He would see Christian publications and radio broadcasts attacking men and women of God by name. He would see charismatics running from church to church to escape offense, all of them professing the lordship of Jesus while they cannot forgive. Paul would cry out, “Repent and be free from your deception, you self-seeking generation of hypocrites!”

It doesn’t matter how up-to-date you are in new revelations

from the many seminars and Bible schools you've attended or how many books you've read or even how many hours you pray and study. If you are offended and in unforgiveness and refuse to repent of this sin, you have not come to the knowledge of the truth. You are deceived, and you confuse others with your hypocritical lifestyle. No matter what the revelation, your fruit tells a different story. You'll become a spring spewing out bitter waters that will bring deception, not truth.

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