

## ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED - FALSE DOCTRINE

The kingdom of God is an endurance race – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1; Hebrews 10:36. See also John 15:1-2. Can anyone run a race and ask for his reward (salvation) before reaching the end of the race? Was the evil servant in the parable of Jesus in Matthew 24:45-51 not in the kingdom when the Master cast him out to a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth? What of the five foolish virgins in Matthew 25:1-12 who were denied entrance into the kingdom despite being virgins and calling the master Lord? In Matthew 22:1-14, the man at the wedding feast without the wedding garment was called, he responded and yet was not chosen. These are teachings of Jesus Christ on the kingdom of God showing clearly that if we do not run the race according to His prescribed rules and endure to the end, we shall not be saved. See 2 Timothy 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 4:7-8

*“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called TODAY, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,” (Hebrews 3:12-14). See also 2 Peter 3:17; 2:20-22, Hebrews 10:26-29; Hebrews 10:38-39, Hebrews 6:4-6, Hebrews 6:11.*

**MONEY CHANGERS** – The gospel of the kingdom of God is never about money. The church and the work of God is not a commercial enterprise; it is a service. God does not require our money to do anything for us, hence when Jesus sent out His disciples He emphasized to them that freely they have received from God and freely they are to give – Matthew 10:8, Luke 9:1-2. See also Acts 8:20, Isaiah 55:1-3. If money comes first in anything to do with God, it is not of God. Whoever charges money to do the work of God, to minister the gifts of God, is a thief. There is no payment required in exchange for a spiritual blessing or deliverance from God. God does not respond to our money, but to our love and obedience. If one can serve God without a trace of reward or expectation in their hearts, even from God, they already are assured of His eternal life.

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.” (1 Tim. 6:10-11)*

*“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'” (Luke 17:10)*

The mission of Christ is to set the captives free and that without charge – Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18. If we are then servants of Christ, we ought not to put anybody back into bondage or allow ourselves to be enslaved again. Turn away from lovers of money who treat the service of God as a business – 2 Timothy 3:1-5!

**LIVE THE TRUTH AND BE THE TRUTH**

## BOTH THE DECEIVED AND DECEIVER PUNISHED

Now we know the truth about the false gospel, we are required to flee from these doctrines and obey the truth of God – Matthew 7:15-27. We can no longer avail ourselves of the excuse of ignorance for we will be punished alongside the deceivers if we continue to invite them and participate in what they say and do. Jesus did not cast out from the temple, just the money changers; He also threw out those who patronized them. Do not follow false and deceitful workers into their ditch and judgment – Matthew 15:14, Isaiah 9:16.

“Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,” (Luke 19:45) Also see Matthew 21:12 and Mark 11:15.

*“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.” (2 John 1:9-11) See also Jeremiah 14:14-16*

[Unfortunately, some ministers of today’s churches proceed to carve out their empires and run their own doctrine, devising every means to get members to feel good while discarding the love of the truth; they perfect Psychology 101, telling their captive audience what they (members) want to hear (not what God wants them to hear) so that, in return, they (ministers) will get what they want, thereby showing aside the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ or, at best, compromising and watering down the Gospel of the kingdom of God. Every messenger of God, including our Lord Jesus Christ, warned us to beware of the proliferation of false ministers and prophets.

*“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber” (2 Peter 2:1-3).*

I am mindful of the fact I run the obvious risk of being misunderstood or labeled as a church or minister basher. It is not my intention whatsoever to bash anyone and, of all the people, not the ministers of the Gospel. But hypocrites, like the Pharisees of the Lord’s time, constitute danger to the body of Christ and must not be tolerated or encouraged. I am writing as one prompted by the Spirit of God and out of true personal experience of the prevailing truth relative to most churches and ministers today.]

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# BEWARE of

**FALSE PROPHETS  
FALSE TEACHERS  
FALSE PREACHERS**



**Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. — Matthew 7:15**

**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand. — Mark 13:22-23**



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2 Cor. 6:2 & Heb. 3:7-8

**Beware!**

When someone says to beware, what comes to mind? Is it just to be aware –to make sure you know what is going on? No, it is not just simply a call to notice, but a warning to be on your guard by taking action to avoid danger, as the consequences of ignoring the warning can be harmful and disastrous.

When Jesus Christ says to beware of false prophets and false christ (false teachers and preachers), He requires His followers to be aware of these dangers and to totally avoid them.

### HOW CAN YOU BEWARE?

*“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.” (1 John 4:1).*

See Revelation 2:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, Matthew 7:15-16.

We are expected to question every spirit, every word, every practice and every teaching (including this write-up). How do you do this? Compare everything you see, read or hear with the Word of God spiritually. Even if an angel, who claims to be of the Lord, comes to contradict the word of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, ignore his counsel. God cannot contradict Himself for He and His Word are the same.

*“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8)*

There is no greater power or miracle or prophecy that God will send that is greater than Jesus Christ. Anything that strays from the wholesome gospel of the kingdom of God is not of God – see John 1:1, Hebrews 1:1-2.

### TO KNOW THE TRUTH

Who is in a position to really beware? You can only beware if you know the truth yourself. God says His people perish for lack of knowledge. The one who knows the truth is the one who lives the truth. What is the truth? The word of God. Jesus as the Truth lived the truth and expects His followers to be and live the truth. See John 14:6; John 8:29.

*“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1 John 2:3-4).*

See also 1 John 2:5-6; 1 John 4:17, John 14:31, Matthew 7:24, Ezekiel 20:11, John 8:32, James 1:22

### DANGER OF CONFUSING VOICES

The greatest danger in life is to listen to confusing voices. Whosoever is of the truth cannot be deceived any longer because they only hear from the Truth. One who knows the truth should no longer walk in darkness. Jesus said He is the light of the world and that we would be the light and walk in the light. If you live the truth you will not succumb to confusing voices nor follow the voice of strangers. *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” (John 10:27)*, see also 1 John 1:5-6, John 10:4-5, John 9:5, 1 John 1:5-6, John 8:47, John 18:37

### FALSE PROPHETS

*“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.” (Matthew 24:24-25)*

No one who is truly in the kingdom of God goes about chasing signs and wonders. If you do, then you do not believe, for the kingdom is within you and you are one with God if you know the truth. We are joint heirs with Christ in the kingdom and He has given us authority, if we are one with Him – John 16:15, Romans 8:17, Luke 17:20-21, Luke 9:1-2.

Jesus has come to reveal the truth; so whoever is deceived has no excuse if they know the truth, and they cannot perish unless they want to.

When we ought to know God but we go seeking signs and wonders, we attract deceivers. If we still need someone to tell us what God is saying, all the time, we develop itching ears that the false prophets exploit – 2 Timothy 4:3-4, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, Mark 8: 12 and Matthew 12:38-39.

*“A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And He left them and departed.” (Matthew 16:4) (Luke 11:29)*

Who then is a false prophet? The one who says the Lord has said when He hasn’t said so. They use the word of God deceitfully, presenting enticing messages to make the people give the ‘prophets’ what they want. They add to, and subtract from, the word of God and ‘water it down’ to make the people feel good. These false prophets create fear in the hearers and make them subject to their control. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 2 Peter 2:1-3, Deuteronomy 4:2; 13:1-4, Revelation 22:18-19, Jeremiah 29:8-9, 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

What is the duty of a true prophet of God? The role of a prophet is to turn people from their evil ways back to God.

*“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.” (Jeremiah 23:21-22) Ezekiel 13:1-10, Jeremiah 23:32.*

### THE JUDGMENT ‘REWARD’ OF FALSE PROPHETS

Every false prophet will face punishment from God because they cause people to rebel against the Lord and He doesn’t view this lightly. They destroy the souls of those who follow their falsehood. Anyone who takes advantage of, and abuses, the sacrifice of God (the vulnerable people who come to them thinking they represent God) comes under His severe judgment.

*“Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying: Send to all those in captivity, saying, Thus says the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I have not sent him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie--therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his family: he shall not have anyone to dwell among this people, nor shall he see the good that I will do for My people, says the LORD, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD.” (Jeremiah 29:30-32) See also Jeremiah 28:15-17*

Eli and his entire family were punished by God for the same reason – see 1 Samuel 2:22-29, 1 Samuel 3:11-14.

We are to flee from false prophets and not participate in any form in their practices, because we would also be punished if we continue after knowing the truth; especially if we ought to know. He who gives to a false prophet gets the ‘reward’ or punishment of the false prophet. See Jeremiah 14:14-16 and 2 John 1:9-11.

### BEWARE of FALSE TEACHERS & FALSE PREACHERS

- that teach, practice and encourage the doctrines of demons.

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We are repeatedly warned to withdraw and flee from anyone and anywhere the wholesome words of Jesus Christ are not taught and practiced. (1 Tim. 6:3-5, 2 John 1:9-11, 2 Tim. 3:5, Romans 16:17-18) *“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,” (1 Timothy 4:1)*

**IDOLATRY** – Any church or gathering where people are made in any situation to make or bow down to any image, even if it is the assumption of the image of God or of anything in this life – is operating contrary to the word of God. Such a practice is idolatry and God never wants His children to be deceived in any way and distracted from Him. Idolatry may also be worship of yourself, thinking you are something or the worship (knowingly or unknowingly) of any person or leader even if they are gifted. Gifts come from God and cannot come before the Giver. Anything or anyone that causes your heart to think it is something to depend on (even if it is the image of the cross of Christ) is an idol and God does not tolerate it in anyway.

*“You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or*



*that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who*

*hate Me,” (Exodus 20:4-5) See also Deut. 4:15-19, Acts 17:29-30.*

He wants us to worship Him in our heart in spirit and in truth. God is a living God, His word is living and can abide in us if we open our hearts to Him by obeying, loving and following Him. He considers idolatry as stubbornness of the heart and hatred for Him, especially again, if we know or ought to know the truth. (1 Sam. 15:23, John 4:24) We are to be different from those who are not of God. 1 Corinthians 12:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22, 2 Corinthians 6:16-18, 1 John 5:20-21.

**ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED** – This is the doctrine that states that once anyone is saved they can never fall away or be lost again, irrespective of their conduct and actions thereafter. It is a fiercely defended deceptive doctrine that leads to complacency and a false sense of security. Jesus Christ is the One who said that He who endures to the end is the one who will be saved.

*“Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people, and because lawlessness will increase, the love of many people will grow cold. But the person who endures to the end will be saved.” (Matthew 24:11-13) Matthew 10:22; Matthew 24:45-51, Revelation 2:26; Revelation 3:5-6.*