

## Building Your Life on Solid Rock Part 14 Watch Out For Wolves

<sup>24</sup> “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Matthew 7 [final summary]

<sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. <sup>16</sup> You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup> So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. <sup>21</sup> Not everyone who calls out to Me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of My Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to Me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in Your name.’

<sup>23</sup> But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’ Matthew 7:15-23

**Beware of Wolves--**They are most \_\_\_\_\_ to sheep--more than a bear or lion!  
Spiritually they are not only Dangerous but \_\_\_\_\_!

“One time God used the sword Goliath sharpened to cut off his own head!” **Adrian Rogers**

This generation needs warned → More false prophets and false Christs + Shallow Christians = Disaster

Satan is not opposed to \_\_\_\_\_! he opposed to **Biblical Christianity!**

Satan opposed two ways from without persecution not always work causes some to **stand up**

Satan attacks in two ways Persecution from without and False Teachers from within!

<sup>28</sup> So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—His church, purchased with His own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. <sup>29</sup> I know that false teachers, **like vicious wolves**, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. <sup>31</sup> Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you. Acts 20:28-31

<sup>13</sup> These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve. 2 Cor. 11:13-15

<sup>24</sup> For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to **deceive**, if possible, even God’s chosen ones. <sup>25</sup> See, I have warned you about this ahead of time. Matthew 24:24-25

### Three Ways to Detect False Teachers/Preachers/Prophets

1. By the \_\_\_\_\_ **They Wear** <sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep...

What sorrow awaits them [false prophets]! For they follow in the footsteps of **Cain**, who killed his brother. Like **Balaam**, they deceive people for money. And like **Korah**, they perish in their rebellion. Jude 1:11

>**Cain** (Gen. 4) Perverted the Gospel  
For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness Hebrews 9:22

>**Balaam** (Num. 16) Prostituted the Gospel  
<sup>3</sup>In their greed....make up...lies to get hold of your money. 2 Peter 2:3  
You see, we are not like the many hucksters who preach for personal profit. 2 Corinthians 2:17

>**Korah** (Num. 25) Protested the Gospel

2. By the \_\_\_\_\_ They Bear <sup>16</sup> You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act.....
- >The Root Determines the Fruit
  - >The Fruit Determines the Root Galatians 5:22 the fruit of the Spirit is .....
  - >The Seed Determines the Root and Fruit Matthew 13 A sower went....seed is the Word of God

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ They Share <sup>19</sup> So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire... <sup>21</sup> Not everyone who calls out to Me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of My Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to Me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in your name.' <sup>23</sup> But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from Me, you who break God's laws.

“Spiritual activity without scriptural authority is satanic iniquity” Adrian Rogers

Jesus said “depart from Me” to those who had .....

- false profession Not everyone who calls out to Me, 'Lord! Lord!
- false preaching we prophesied in Your name
- false power cast out demons in Your name
- false performance performed many miracles in your name.

### How Are We To Overcome these Rascals?

Study the Faith

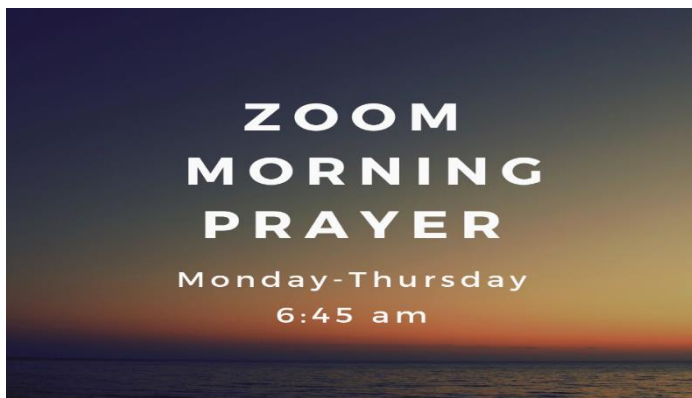
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Support the Faith

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**Answers:**  
 Dangerous, Deceptive, Religion,  
 Fleece, Fruit, Fate



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