

## 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 **DANGEROUS** to sheep--more than a bear or lion!

Spiritually they are not only Dangerous but **DECEPTIVE!**

“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 **RELIGION!** 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 **FLEECE** 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 **FRUIT** 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 **FATE** 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**

**Show the Faith**

**Stand for the Faith**

**Support the Faith**

**Share the Faith**