

KINGDOM LIFE

IN A

FALLEN WORLD

A SERMON SERIES ON THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



THE DANGEROUS INFLUENCE OF FALSE PROPHETS

MATTHEW 7:15-20



JAMES 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



*“We are saved by faith alone, but the faith
that saves is never alone.”*

MARTIN LUTHER





MATTHEW 7:15-20

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.”



MATTHEW 7:15-20 (cont.)

“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”





THE COMMAND TO BEWARE



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“The reason [the prophet] was to speak about the future was to influence the way that his hearers lived in the present. Simply put, a ‘prophet’ was one who spoke from God.”

SINCLAIR FERGUSON





ACTS 20:28-30

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.”



ACTS 20:30

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JEREMIAH 6:14

“They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace, when there is no peace.’”





“No believer ever escapes from Satan without him seeking either to recapture him, or to have vengeance on Christ by hindering his spiritual progress. One of the ways [Satan] does this is through the influence of false prophets. We are to be on the lookout for them.”

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**HOW ARE WE ABLE
TO 'BEWARE'?**



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MATTHEW 7:1

“Judge not, that you be not judged.”





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PSALM 119:105

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”



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