

YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS

Matthew 7.15-20

Central Idea: *We can recognize a false prophet by what they teach. Listen carefully!*

False Prophets/Teachers ...

- **Caution** (15a)

- **Deception** (15b)

- **Recognition** (16-20)

- **Application**

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Why do you think the OT and NT Scriptures so often warn of false prophets and at the end of His sermon Jesus does the same?
2. Think through each of the major areas of doctrine in the Bible and identify/discuss the most prevalent false teaching we should beware of in each of them.

Bible	Holy Spirit	Salvation
God the Father	Angels/Satan	Church
Jesus Christ	Man/Sin	Future Things
3. Why do you think believers are taken in by false teaching today and what advice would you give to help them guard against false teachers?

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This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying today's message. *You Will Know Them by Their Fruits* is the twenty-second message in a series on the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. This message can be listened to or downloaded at cbcomaha.org. You may also stream and download CBC podcasts from itunes or google play.

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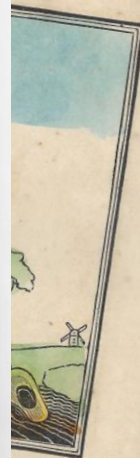


In a little Thatched Cot, by the side of a Wood,
Lived an innocent lass, Little Red Riding Hood;
You would scarce find her equal, the neighbours all say,
So kind and obedient, so cheerful and gay. 1

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So she wandered about
Till the close of the day,
When the wicked old Wolf,
He came prowling that way,
He enquired her errand,
She soon let him know,
Ah! silly young creature,
Why did you do so? 4

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But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?”

If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

Jeremiah 14.14

Then the LORD said to me, “The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds.

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*Just as there were false
prophets in Israel, there are
false teachers in the church
today.*



2 Peter 2.1-3

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

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ELDERS: Guard the flock



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BELIEVERS: Know the Word

