

Mt.7.15-20 “Beware of False Prophets”
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When we stand at the crossroads of decision, we should remember;

- ✚ that the true way to God is **N**_____ &
- ✚ that the false way is **B**_____;
- ✚ the true way is **D**_____ & demanding, &
- ✚ the false way is **E**_____ & permissive;
- ✚ the true way has relatively **F**_____ following in it, &
- ✚ the false way has **M**_____.

Jesus first gives a warning & then calls us to be watchful

Just as He described the true & false ways, He now describes the true & false teachers of those ways.

I. W_____ **v.15**

False prophets always find a **H**_____ & often are encouraged by those who are **D**_____ with God’s ways. (Is.30.9–10).

There has always been a large market for false prophets, because most people do **N**_____ want to hear the **T**_____.

1. THE D_____ **OF A FALSE PROPHET**

God’s true representatives have been marked by two things:

- ❖ they are divinely **C**_____ , &
- ❖ they present a divine **M**_____.

A true prophet is God’s **V**_____ to men. (Ex.4.10–12).

The most dangerous characteristic of false prophets, however, is that they, too, claim to be **F**_____ God & to speak on His behalf. (Je.5.30–31; 14.14; 23.14,16,21; Ze.11.16).

Such a shepherd is a greater danger to the flock than wild animals, because he comes among them as their protector;

- ✚ That is a picture of the **A**_____, who is the prototype of all false prophets.

They died believing they were **S**_____ God. In truth, of course, they were serving **S**_____, When Jesus completely unmasked their deceit & hypocrisy (ch.23) it is no wonder they crucified Him.

The scribes & Pharisees, and those who followed their pernicious teachings, did not accept Jesus’ teaching because they were dedicated to **F**_____ rather than the **T**_____.

CONCLUSION:

“Let no one deceive you with empty words,” Paul warns the Ephesians; “for _____” (Ep.5.6).

To the Colossians he says, *“See to it that no one _____ through philosophy & empty _____, according to the _____ of men, according to the elementary principles of the _____, rather than according to Christ” (Co.2.8).*