



Reaching the World For Christ

Famous Last Words

Peter's Last Letter: Part 9

2 Peter 2:1-3

The Dangers of False Prophets

Deut 13:1-5 *If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.*

Deut 18:20-22 *But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.*

Matt 24:11 *And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.*

2 Cor 11:13-15 *For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.*

Jer 5:31 *the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?*

I. They are Definitely Present

2 Tim 4:3-4 *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths*

“False teachers arise when the church begins to embrace the worldly culture around it. As a result, congregations no longer desire to endure sound doctrine. God centered worship and preaching is replaced by man centered antics and entertainment. A biblical emphasis on sin, repentance, and holiness is replaced by an emphasis on self-esteem and felt needs. People look for teachers who proclaim only pleasant positive ideas in accordance to their own desires because they want to have their ears tickled. As a result, these popular teachers (whom they accumulate for themselves) will turn the minds of the people from the truth, leaving them vulnerable to Satan’s deceptive influence.” John MacArthur

II. They Bring Destructive Heresies

Jude 4 For certain people have crept in (literally, snuck in under false pretenses) unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Matt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

III. They Deny the Lordship of Christ

IV. They Deter Many

Matt 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

V. They Damage the Gospel

1 Tim 6:6-10 Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

VI. Their Destruction does not Sleep

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