

BIBLE PROPHECY: FALSE PROPHETS

Turn in your Bibles to Isaiah 30 and we will read verses 8-13.

⁸ Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: ⁹ That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD: ¹⁰ Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: ¹¹ Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. ¹² Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: ¹³ Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

In chapter 1 of First Timothy, Paul is giving his charge to Timothy as the pastor of the church at Ephesus. He also calls the names of the false teachers Hymenaeus and Alexander and publicly rebukes them for having said evil things concerning the faith. In chapter 2, Paul gives his charge to the men and women of the church at Ephesus. In chapter 3 Paul gives the qualifications for the bishops, pastors, and deacons. There is a great need for thorough and complete teaching on the qualifications for pastors and deacons in our churches today. Everybody can tell you that a pastor and a deacon should be the husband of one wife, but what about the rest of the qualifications: for instance to be blameless. The whole idea is that pastor and deacons must be above reproach in every aspect of their lives. I could take the rest of the qualifications listed and throw out 95% of the pastors and preachers in the pulpits of Baptist churches even if they all had never been divorced. Chapter 3 verse 16 contains one of the strongest statements in the New Testament that the Lord Jesus Christ is God. That is why he is called Lord. In chapter 4 Timothy is warned about the coming battle with seducing spirits and doctrines of devils

1 Timothy 4:1-3

¹ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ² Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; ³ Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1 Timothy 4:12-16

¹² Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ¹⁴ Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. ¹⁵ Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. ¹⁶ Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

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The charge to pastors continues on in 2 Timothy. In chapter 1 we are admonished not to be ashamed of the gospel. Chapter 1 is also the source for that great hymn “I Know Whom I have Believed”. Chapter 2 contains the charge to pastors to commit sound doctrine to faithful men that they may be able to teach others also. Chapter 2 also contains the charge to pastors to study the word of God. We are not just to study it, but we are to be a workman in the word of God. I would not give a plug nickle for a man who routinely will not study before he goes into the pulpit. A man that will not study the word of God brings shame to his ministry. If all you are getting from the word of God is what you are getting from the pulpit, then you are shameful embarrassment to God. If you are what you ought to be, then you’ll do what you ought to do.

2 Timothy 2:14-19

¹⁴Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers. ¹⁵Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ¹⁶But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. ¹⁷And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; ¹⁸Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. ¹⁹Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2 Timothy 3

¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. ⁶For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ⁷Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. ⁹But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was. ¹⁰But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, ¹¹Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹²Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. ¹³But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. ¹⁴But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; ¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All

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scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 4:1-4

¹ I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; ² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

The teachers that Paul speaks of here are the doctors of the law, the doctors of the scribes, and the doctors of the scholars who continually crucify the word of God between two thieves: the dollar and the scholar. There is a conspiracy of the devil's prophets in the land. We have churches that are full of doctors that have graduated from America's best Bible colleges; still unsaved and chock full of heresies and apostasy. There is a difference between a bible college and a bible institute. A bible college teaches you about the bible. A bible institute teaches you the bible. I would run from a man that has received the title of DOCTOR from an America Bible College. The Lord Jesus Christ had nothing good to say about doctors of doctrine. Do not ever call me doctor. If you are a preacher and insist on being called a doctor, do not ever expect me to call you doctor unless I am mad at you. Do not ever call me reverend. That title belongs only to God since holy and reverend is his name. Men who constantly seek after titles are in trouble with God. Most of them are doing it for the praise of men. They want to be well spoken of by all men. Jesus said in Luke 6:26: Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

The Lord Jesus Christ rebuked the men of letters during his day. These were the unsaved scribes and pharisees. He said: Luke 5:17: And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them. Seventeen (17) times the Lord Jesus Christ spoke of the scribes and pharisees and had nothing good to say about them. They went about seeking the titles and praise of men. The book of Job seals the matter for the titled men of our day. Turn in your Bibles to Job 32:18-22 where we see:

Job 32:18-22

¹⁸ For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. ¹⁹ Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. ²⁰ I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer. ²¹ Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. ²² For I know not to give flattering titles; *in so doing* my maker would soon take me away.

So, what does that do for your Doctor of Theology title. Or, will you take the title anyway and sit in

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the seat of the scornful scholars and mock the word of God. Most “Bible Scholars” today are among the chiefest of false prophets. Gail Riplinger has very aptly said that “the word of God is being crucified between the dollar and the scholar”. Turn in your Bibles to ***Psalm 1:1-6***:

Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Because we have men walking in the counsel of the ungodly, standing in the way of sinners, and sitting in the seats of the scornful we are being blown about by every wind of doctrine. We are not to use the world’s methods in running the church of the living God. That is walking in the counsel of the ungodly. We are not to bring the world’s dress standards and music into the church. That would be standing in the way of sinners. We are not to fellowship with so called Christian denominations that hold doctrines that are opposed to sound Biblical doctrine. That would be sitting in the seats of the scornful. With things being the way they are today, you are either going to have to have a limited message or a limited fellowship.

Psalm 119:104 says: “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way”. In today’s churches, most men and women that should hate every false way have the backbones of jellyfish. They love the praise of men more than they love the praise of God. If you are going to do anything that will be pleasing to God, you are going to have to love God more than you love men or the praise of men. According to the Lord Jesus Christ seeking and receiving the praise of all men is the mark of a false prophet. Luke 6:26 says: “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets”. ***Psalm 36:1*** (quoted in Romans 3:18) says: “The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes”. The reason that we have so many false prophets today is that there is no fear of God.

There is no fear of God today in the United States of America. We want God to bless America and yet we deny, scorn, and mock every precept that God has given us to live by. We want our sin and our prosperity too. We want a God of love and not a God of judgement. We want a God that we can call on, but not a God that can call on us. We are a country full of hell bound sinners that are on the broad pathway to destruction. We mock God in our arrogance and self esteem while murdering his unborn babies. We are a nation of filthy dreamers that parade sodomy before God as if it were some kind of puppet show. These filthy dreamers have not the Spirit of God. We are a country that is full of the devil. We are deserving of the judgement and condemnation of God. Why are we constantly at war? ***Isaiah 26:1-4*** says:

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In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will *God* appoint *for* walls and bulwarks. 2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. 3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:

We are a country full of ungodly religious people in churches that hold to ungodly doctrines that are an abomination before God and an affront to sound Biblical doctrine. In America, what should be the church of the living GOD has been poisoned by religious leaders that are doing what is right in their own eyes. Our churches in America are full of unbelieving professors that have a form of Godliness, but deny the power thereof and have not known the way of truth.

Much of the responsibility for the downfall of the church lies in the pulpits of American churches. The Bible says in *Hosea 4:6* :

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children”.

We are not talking about knowledge that has been gained at the feet of unbelieving seminary professors that are gathered around the tree of knowledge. We are talking about Godly knowledge that has been gained from the teaching and leadership of the indwelling Holy Ghost of God. True wisdom is knowledge that has been enlightened by the Holy Ghost of God.

Deuteronomy chapters 13 and 18 tell us how to distinguish between a true prophet and a false prophet. *Deuteronomy 13:1-3* says:

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 says:

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be

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afraid of him.

We are living in an age when church leaders will not take a stand for sound Bible doctrine. The pulpits in American churches are full of heretics, apostates, and unbelievers. We have churches that are calling and ordaining sodomites to serve in the pulpits of American churches. It seems that the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Methodist Church, and the Church of Christ are the leaders in this movement that includes Episcopalians and yes even some Baptists including American Baptists and Southern Baptists. There is a denomination that was organized strictly for sodomites. It is called the Metropolitan Community Church. Leviticus 18:22 says: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination". Leviticus 20:13 says "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them". The last time I checked Romans 1:26-28, 1 Corinthians 6:9, and 1 Timothy 1:10 were still in the Bible.

Churches have heaped to themselves teachers having itching ears. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 4:3-4:

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

How is that Satan tears down sound Biblical churches? Satan does it in the same way men of God are supposed to build those churches up. The Bible says in Isaiah 28:10-13:

10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear. 13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Satan almost never attacks directly. Satan attacks the doctrines here a little and there a little. He adds a little leaven here and a little leaven there until the whole lump is leavened. Satan is very subtil. Church members who refuse to hear and receive sound doctrine will fall backward and be broken in the snare of Satan's false doctrine.

I believe there is another reason that so many professing Christians are holding to false doctrines. Because most churches have rejected the truth, I believe that God has also sent them strong delusion that they would believe a lie.

I have already said that much of the responsibility for the great falling away in America's churches lies at the feet of those in the pulpits. Much of the responsibility for this great falling away lies at the feet of the congregations also. Since pastors, preachers and evangelists are called and

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ordained by churches we as members of those churches are under an obligation to God to make sure that those that occupy our pulpits are preaching and teaching sound doctrine. God builds his church upon sound doctrine through the teaching ministry of the Holy Ghost of God and the precious holy Word Of God. WE MUST REST IN the word of God. Acts 17:11 says: “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”. 2 Timothy 2:15 says: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Hebrews 5:12-14 says:

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Today, we are living in the most Biblically illiterate time in American church history. That is why we are unable to stand fast in the faith. As Paul said in Ephesians 4:14: “That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. That is why a lot of our Independent Baptist churches sound like nurseries. We have many church members that should have matured in the faith that are still babes in Christ because the simply will not read and study the Bible.

We must be very careful who we allow in the pulpits of our churches. We must put men in our pulpits who will stand for the truth. Men who will: “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine”. The religious sharks, wolves, and roaring lions have gathered around the living bodies of Bible believing churches seeking whom they may devour. And believe me they are having a feeding frenzy. They are literally devouring the Life’s Blood of Bible believing churches. They say: “We don’t want any of that bloody religion”. They have gone in the way of Cain. Like Cain, they don’t want any of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and they have murder in the hearts. There is a conspiracy in Satan’s heart to replace Bible believing preachers with false prophets. Ezekiel 22:25-28 says:

25 *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. 26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. 27 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. 28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered *morter*, seeing vanity, and divining

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lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

We are living in a time when people just will not hear the word of God. 2 Timothy chapter 4 has its parallel in the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 30:9-11 says:

9 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD: 10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

The prophet Amos also said in Amos 8:11-12:

11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

Jeremiah chapter 23 and Ezekiel 13 is a rebuke to the false prophets. Today's false prophets would do well to heed the lessons of this chapter. Jeremiah 23:11-12, 14, 21-22, 25-27 says:

11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. 12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. 14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. 21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart; 27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

Ezekiel 13:2-9 says:

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou

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unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; 3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! 4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. 5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. 6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word. 7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith *it*; albeit I have not spoken? 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord GOD. 9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

We are warned time and again of false prophets. The Lord Jesus Christ said in *Matthew 7:15-16*:

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

And in *Matthew 24:24*:

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Notice that signs and wonders are associated with the false prophets in the end times. The apostate American church has much emphasis on signs and wonders in the Charismatic movement that has crossed all denominational lines. It is a mark that identifies the fulfillment of end times Bible prophecy. *2 Thessalonians 2:9* says: "*Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders". *Revelation 13:13-14* says:

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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Paul, Peter, and John talked about false prophets in Acts 20, 2 Corinthians 11, 2 Peter 2, and 1 John 4 where we see::

Acts 20:29-30

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Peter 2:1-2

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

If there ever was a day when the church is evil spoken of, it is today. Because of false prophets and Christians who will not live holy lives the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is profaned among the heathen. Many will not take a stand for Biblical separation from false prophets and false doctrine because they are afraid of being accused of being unloving, of being judgmental, of being legalistic, or of being a Pharisee. Many are afraid of contention, but you must contend for the faith whether you want to or not. It is a Bible commandment. Our Bible says in ***Jude 3***:

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

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Not only must we contend for the faith, but we must also realize that there is a call that goes forth unto to God's people to be separate. Separation is for our protection and for the protection of the church. **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1** says:

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:11 says: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*".

Romans 16:17-19 says:

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. 19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all *men*. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

Philippians 3:17-19 says:

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Revelation 18:4 says: "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues".

What is the price to be paid if we will not be separated from false doctrine, worldly lusts, and false prophets? **Jeremiah 6:16-19** says:

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16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. 17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them. 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

The call goes forth from the word of God. *1 Kings 18:21* says:

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Joshua 24:15-16 says:

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;