

Beware Of False Prophets

Beware of false prophets,
which come in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly they are ravening wolves."
Matthew 7:15

First, let us be reminded that the will of God is that all of mankind would be saved. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16-17 God knows that man, because of his fallen nature, is prone to being drawn unto things which appeal to his sinful flesh. Whether it be those things which ultimately plunge him into the lowest gutter of immorality and gross sins of the world or that which would lift him to the highest pinnacle of self-righteousness, he by choice, distances himself from a loving Heavenly Father. God's desire is that man would hear his loving invitation and return unto him. For this reason he continues to send forth faithful servants to bear the message of truth in this dark and evil day.

Truly, spiritual darkness is so evident in our day and the result of this darkness manifests itself in many ways but always blinds the eyes of man so he cannot behold the truth, and thus confusion reigns. We see clear evidence of Satan's evil work when even those who have been taught in the ways of truth begin to embrace false teachings which only foster confusion and darken the heart. Sadly, many believing these falsehoods which are so appealing to the mind, reject the true and living way unto salvation which God has ordained for mankind; namely, through "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 3rd	Jim Johnson	10:00 AM	Holy Communion
June 10th	Nathan Ruonavaara	10:00 AM	
June 17th	Ken Storm	10:00 AM	Sunday School Picnic Twin Lakes Ken Storm Med Care 2:00PM
June 24th	Dave Lappi	10:00 AM	

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We hear, in our day, such erroneous teachings which suggest that man need not repent of his sins but simply accept the Lord and he will be saved. Such falsehoods are the product of man's mind, and if believed, will only bring a false hope and a false sense of security. Jesus taught, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17 When on the day of Pentecost the multitudes, hearing the preaching of Peter, were pricked in their hearts, they began to say unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter, moved by the Holy Spirit, responded, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:37-38 It is important to note that Peter did not instruct them to merely accept the Lord and pray and thus be saved as the false prophets of today teach. If Jesus preached that man must repent, who is man that he dares to change or depart from Christ's teaching. Repentance has been a stumbling block from the beginning because man's pride suffers. We see then, that the problem is not with the Word, for the Word is holy and true. The problem lies within man's own proud heart. Thus refusing the instruction of God's Word, and led by false prophets, who are spiritually blind teachers, man continues toward eternity in this unsaved condition. What a lamentable plight; but not hopeless, if he will but turn in his blind condition to the voice of the Heavenly Good Shepherd who yet calls sinners unto repentance. Through his faithful servants this call, even today, is echoed unto the lost and perishing with the prayer that some poor soul will hear. Unto the one who yields to his awakening call, God reveals his love and grace. Contrite and broken, the awakened is shown the innocent Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. With trembling heart he hears of the fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emanuel's veins where sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. He hears the entreating voice of the Saviour urging him to come and be cleansed from all sin and iniquity.

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His heart he can no longer contain but with the cry of the penitent, pleads for God’s grace and forgiveness. Here the true servants of God employ the power of the key which unlocks the shackles of sin through the preaching of the gospel of forgiveness in the holy name and precious, atoning blood of Jesus. Believing, the repentant rejoices to know that his burden of sin is removed, the scales of blindness are taken away, and now he beholds the author and finisher of his faith. His heart is overwhelmed with joy and he begins a new song; “ In faith I now behold thee, Dear Jesus,”etc.

Let us earnestly pray that God would continue to strengthen his faithful servants to preach these eternal truths in this sin-darkened day of spiritual perversion, for the wolf never wearies in pursuit of the sheep.

Ken Storm - pastor

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