

B E W A R E !

Jesus went about, with His disciples, preaching the true gospel and healing those who were sick. But there were also others going about casting out demons in the name of Jesus Christ (Mark 9:38). Jesus said Satan's ministers would do mighty miracles in His name and speak mighty sermons in His name as well as cast out demons in His name.

Jesus calls these ministers workers of lawlessness (Matt. 7:22-23). Sin is lawlessness. So these preachers are still sinners (1 John 3:4). They are unrepentant, preaching hypocrites who disguise themselves as servants of righteousness (2 Cor. 11:15). They are the plants, which the Father did not plant. They are blind guides or blind spiritual leaders who will be rooted up by the Lord, when He returns to rule the nations of this earth with a rod of iron (Matt. 15:13-14).

Jesus said that many would come in His name saying, "We preach Christ crucified," when they themselves have not crucified the flesh with its evil desires (Matt. 24:5; Gal. 5:24). He warns true Christians not to go after them. They love to receive the glory of men, so they do their deeds to be noticed by men (John 5:41; Matt. 23:5-7). They also make long prayers (Matt. 23:14). They are lovers of money and that's what they talk most about (Luke 16:14-15). God promised He would supply all the apostle's needs (Matt. 6:33). Jesus even sent his disciples out with nothing, to prove that God would take care of them so they wouldn't have to beg continually for money (Matt. 10:9; Luke 22:35).



BEWARE!

There were people who tried to buy the Holy Spirit with money (Acts 8:20). How many do this today by giving a sizable offering out of emotions of guilt or fear? Your Bible says the one who fears has not been perfected in love (1 John 4:18). Many go to church out of guilt. Many, when they go to church, hear sermons that make them feel guilty. Jesus Christ came to free us from guilt, but Satan's ministers control their subjects with guilt.

Satan's ministers preach the truth many times, but it's only half the truth. It's only half the message, so it cannot save the one who listens. It just makes him feel more guilty. Satan himself tempted Jesus with half truths, and that's exactly how his ministers preach today (Matt. 4:3-10).

If you don't know your Bible well, then you can easily be deceived by these false ministers. If you go to them to be taught by them, you will become their disciple (Is. 2:22; Psalm 146:3-5; 118:8). If you go to God, to be taught by Him, you will be Christ's disciple (John 6:45; 2 Tim. 2:7; 1 John 2:27).

How many people are seeking God today with all their heart, soul, mind and might? How many even know what this means? How many are working out their salvation with fear and trembling, or even know what that Scripture is talking about (Phil. 2:12)? How many know how to strive to enter the narrow door which few will enter (Luke 13:24)? How many have found that narrow way which few will find (Matt. 7:14-15)?

How can you enter the kingdom of heaven, if you don't even know what the Father's Will is? If you

don't know it, then how can you do it (Matt. 7:21; 1 John 2:17)?

Awake, sleeper! Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you (Eph. 5:14). Don't be foolish, but understand what the Will of the Lord is and do it (Eph. 5:17; Matt. 12:50; Luke 8:21).



Who are the False Ministers?

Who are the false ministers? Those who do any one of the things listed below. False ministers:

•Make long prayers (Mark 12:40).

•Use repetition in their prayers (Matt. 6:7).

•Wear robes to look holy before their congregations (Zech. 13:4; Luke 20:45-46; Matt. 23:5; Ezek. 44:19).

•Do righteousness to be seen by men (Matt. 23:5).

•Are looked up to as being righteous (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

•Are well thought of by others (Luke 6:26).

•Demand tithing (Matt 23:23).

•Pretend to be righteous outwardly but inwardly live a double standard (Matt. 23:28).

•Hold on to traditions of men (Mark 7:7-8).

•Rob widow's houses—go after their wills (Mark 12:40).

•Are not servants of others (Rom. 15:2-3).

•Put heavy burdens on others in the church, when they themselves do very little or nothing (Matt. 23:4).

•Are called fathers (religiously) by their congregations (Matt. 23:9).

•Are hypocrites and are not faithful to God's word, the Bible (Matt. 23:13 & 23).

•Remain unconverted to God's Way of life (Matt. 23:26).

•Build the tombs of the prophets (Matt. 23:29-31).

•Are called a bunch of snakes (Matt. 23:33).

•Hate righteous people (Psalm 34:21; John 16:2).

•Preach against the need for performing good works daily, as they are being done in heaven by God (Matt. 5:16; 6:10; Jer. 4:22; 22:15-17).

•Are lawless (Matt. 7:23-24).

•Preach that you go to heaven when you die, and thus deny the resurrection (John 3:13; 5:28-29; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

•Preach that the soul does not die (Matt. 10:28).

•Preach that you cannot lose your salvation (Heb. 3:12; Heb. 6:4-8).

•Preach everyone will be saved in the end (John 3:36; Matt. 25:41-46).

•Preach that followers cannot drink alcohol, partake in mixed bathing, and/or wear any kind of jewelry (Eccl. 9:7; Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet. 3:2-4).

•Preach that Jesus never drank wine (Matt. 11:19).

•Preach that celebrating Christmas and Easter are acceptable, knowing full well these are pagan days and traditions of man (Jer. 10:2-4; Mark 7:8; Col. 2:8).

•Preach that there is a purgatory (Eccl. 3:19-20; Heb. 9:27).

•Preach that after you die you become a saint and people should pray to you (Job 14:12; Matt. 6:6).

•Preach that Jesus did not have a home (Mark 2:1; 3:20).

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•Preach that Mary remained a virgin her entire life (Matt. 13:55-56).

•Preach that Jesus did not have four brothers and at least three sisters (John 2:12; Mark 3:21; 6:3; Mark 15:40).

•Do not know what God's Will is (John 7:17; Psalm 103:21; 1 John 2:17).

•Are lovers of money more than lovers of God (1 Tim. 6:10).

•Have churches full of religious idols and symbols—which is an abomination to our Lord (Deut 4:15-18).

•Preach once saved always saved (John 8:51).

•Preach that Simon Peter practiced celibacy, when he had been married (Luke 4:38).

•Do not show God honor and respect, even though they know what He wants (Rom. 1:21).

•Exchange the truth of God for a religious lie (Rom. 1:25).

•Are establishing their own righteousness (Rom. 10:2-3).

•Put people in debt to pay for their elaborate buildings (Rom. 13:8; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

•Have their head covered while they pray (1 Cor. 11:4, 7).

•Adulterate the word of God (2 Cor. 4:2).

•Are peddling and/or corrupting God's word (2 Cor. 2:17) fulfilling 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 and Galatians 1:7-9.

•Interpret God's word themselves, while true preachers receive gospel by revelation from Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:11-12). True preachers

know that God calls people to Himself and God chooses people for salvation (Acts 2:39, 47; 2 Thess. 2:13-14).

•Practice deeds of the flesh, which is lawlessness (Gal. 5:19-21).

•Deny that Jesus Christ came in the flesh with a human nature that is evil like ours (1 John 4:2).

•Speak with empty words and deceitfully scheme on behalf of the church (Eph. 4:14; 5:6).

•Are covetous (Eph. 5:5).

•Do not wash one another's feet, like Christ commanded us to do (John 13:13-15).

•Do not have Christ's attitude towards others (Phil. 2:3-5).

•Seek after their own interests and not the interests of Jesus Christ (Phil. 2:21).

•Do not tell people to put God's words into practice daily (Phil. 4:9).

•Preach a self-made religion that teaches selfabasement—flagellating one's self, torturing one's self, so that they may be more pure (Col. 2:20, 23).

•Teach commandments of men (Col. 2:22).

•Preach a religion of don'ts—don't handle, don't taste, or don't touch, instead of telling people to overcome evil by doing good (Col. 2:21; Rom. 12:21).

•Teach that Peter was the head of the church, when Jesus Christ said that He Himself was (Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:18).

•Teach the worship of angels (Col. 2:18).

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•Come with flattering speech, as a covering for greed (1 Thess. 2:4-5).

•Preach a gospel that is a gospel of deceit (1 Thess. 2:3).

•Seek glory from men (1 Thess. 2:6).

•Are not pleasing to God (1 Thess. 2:15-16).

•Do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. God's word commands us to stay away from the unruly (2 Thess. 1:8-9; 3:6-7).

•Accept the way of the world among their church members (1 Tim. 1:9-10).

•Allow women to preach (1 Tim. 2:12; 1 Cor. 14:34, 37-38).

•Are alcoholics and have a love for money (1 Tim. 3:3).

•Do not have obedient children (1 Tim. 3:4-5).

•Do not have a good reputation with those outside the church (1 Tim. 3:7).

•Are going after a doctrine of demons (1 Tim. 4:1).

•Teach celibacy and vegetarianism (1 Tim. 4:3).

•Lay on hands too hastily (1 Tim. 5:22).

•Preach that religion is a way of gain, or a way of making a lot of money (1 Tim. 6:5-6).

•Deny the fact that all Scripture is inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16).

•Have been corrupted (1 Tim. 6:20-21).

•Were not appointed by God to be preachers (2 Tim. 1:11).

•Will get worse and worse in the last days (2 Tim. 3:1, 5, 7-8, 13).

•Instead of speaking the complete truth, they speak only things that the people want to hear (2 Tim. 4:1-4; Titus 1:14, 16).

•Are not telling the people that only the one who does God's Will abides forever (1 John 2:17).

•Revile and curse angelic majesties, when the Bible says not to do such a thing (2 Peter 2:10-15; Jude 8-11, 15-16, 18-19).

•Are not qualified to be a minister (Titus 1:1, 6-11).

• Are not content with what they have (Heb. 13:5). See what James says to the minister who loves money more than God (James 4:1-8; 5:1-6).

First John 4:1 warns us to test the spirits (ministers), to see whether they are from God or from Satan. How do we test them? First, ask them, for example, if they believe that Jesus was born with an evil flesh nature like ours (1 John 4:2). If they do not, they are among the many deceivers in the world who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming with a fleshly carnal nature. This is considered antichrist (2 John 7-10). Then, check to see if they are provoking their congregations to more love and good works and encouraging them to practice righteousness for God (1 Tim. 6:18; Heb. 10:24). Anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, but remains of the devil (1 John 3:10). When false ministers from the world speak, people of the world listen (1 John 4:5). Those who are from God listen only to God's true ministers (1 John 4:6). Now that you know what a false minister is, don't allow yourself to be fooled any longer!

The False Message



Ancient ministers, who said they were God's ministers, deceived the people. God never sent them, but they, nonetheless, preached in His name (Jer. 29:9). Their message did not change people's lives and the people continued to walk in the stubbornness of their own hearts. The message they preached did not make people doers of God's word (James 1:22). It made them hearers, so their lives did not change (Titus 1:16). The ministers were preaching futility to them (Jer. 23:16).

Those who despise the Lord are defined as those who do not obey Him. The ministers tell their congregations they are saved by grace and quote Ephesians 2:8 and 9 omitting verse 10, which is essential and completes the salvation message. Many ministers also claimed to have dreams and visions from the Lord (Jer. 23:32). They were not telling the people the whole truth because God only reveals the whole truth to those He sends. God's message, when it is complete, is like a fire or a hammer which shatters a rock (Jer. 23:29). These ministers or priests ruled on their own authority and preached falsely. Worst of all, the people loved this incomplete message (Jer. 5:30-31).

Because the preachers spoke falsehoods and did not declare to the people the true message, of repentance by good works, the people continued to do evil deeds and did not repent (Is. 1:16-17). They did not learn righteousness by engaging in it daily (Is. 26:10).

God's indignation in the end times is against all nations and all their armies. Jesus Christ will utterly destroy them (Is. 34:2; Zech. 14:2-4). He will cause animals and birds to eat the flesh of their bones while they are still standing (Rev. 19:12-18; Zech. 14:12). The Lord will even cause them to fight one another (Zech. 14:13).

All the calamity that is coming upon the world is the result of sin. Sin continues unchecked because ministers are not sorting out the precious from the wicked (Jer. 15:19). They are preaching a partial message—a false message —and many are following after them.

What are you going to do at the end of the matter? God is going to punish all those who say they know God, and yet remain disobedient, unconverted hearers of the word (Jer. 9:25). A person knows God when he studies God's word daily, practices righteousness and honesty toward his fellow man, takes care of the needy and afflicted, and continually does what is right before God (Jer. 22:15-16; 9:24). Do you know God? Are you a doer of the word, or have you been hearing a false message?

Dear Whole Wheat Readers,

How do you search for something, when you don't even know what you are searching for? That was my predicament, so many years ago, in my search for God's truth. After three years of searching, and spending nearly a quarter of a million dollars (todays equivalent) on Christian college and my quest to learn the truth, I still hadn't found it. Then, one unassuming day I met the founder of *Whole Wheat*. After he showed me in Scripture, the simple truth of how God wants us to live, I went out and began practicing it, proving to myself it was indeed the truth. I had finally found the key (Luke 11:52)! Up until then, I had experienced, first hand, what our Beware! article speaks of; the halftruths being preached today. So many false ministers are leaving out the key of knowledge.

Our founder shares a story on our website, in the podcast <u>Repent & Receive the Seal of God</u>; when he told the truth to a retiring minister who had preached for 37 years in the church, there was a moment of great silence afterward. Then the minister said, "You know, I've heard this message before, absolutely, many, many times and from many, many ministers, who were too afraid to preach it for fear of losing their congregations." Wow, that is a bold truth!

An old saying goes, "Make a lie acceptable by surrounding it in a truth sandwich." Because of the truth surrounding the lie, it makes the lie acceptable, being truth is the first and last thing people hear. Our article *The False Message* takes apart that sandwich, making known the lie found so often in today's salvation message. Then it also reveals what the whole truth is, in regard to salvation. The 'sandwich technique' is what made me skeptical of what I heard in church, because I knew some of the things I was hearing were a lie. When I finally heard the other half of the salvation message, *from our founder* and put it into practice, I knew I had the full meal deal!

Our article True and False Apostles reveals more layers. False apostles have their part in the deal, which is why we must beware! God's true apostles, will be the ones He sends out with the complete message (Acts 5:20). Therefore, we must study to show ourselves approved, accurately handling the truth of God, so we can discern the truth from a lie (2 Tim. 2:15). In the end, if possible, even the elect will be deceived (Matt. 24:24). That is why it is so important, when we look at the Scriptures in Who are the False Ministers, because it shows us plainly who and what to beware of. It reveals who are true ministers and who are not, according to Scripture. We need to know this. In reading this article, I realized how blind I was, back in the day, before I knew God's truth.

I searched with such an intensity for God, in those early years, that when I was shown this way of life, I realized what a truly enormous gift from God it was (Deut. 4:29). To know and understand His Ways and be given that key of knowledge is a gift indescribable. It is the key to life. It is our purpose and why we exist. It is a life-changing, live-giving truth that is sorely lacking today. I am so grateful to God for His understanding. If you are reading this, I know you must be too. Let's take hold of that beautiful, golden key and live our lives, as our example Jesus Christ did, serving our Lord with all our heart, soul and mind (Matt. 22:37). There truly is no greater purpose.

In His Love,

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True and False Apostles

Jesus called and chose the twelve men mentioned in Matthew 10:2-3, but one of them was a devil (John 6:70), a son of the devil (Acts 13:10). Judas was replaced by Matthias by way of casting lots (Acts 1:26). These twelve apostles shall reign with Christ over the house of Israel (Rev. 21:14). This was promised to them by Jesus Christ.

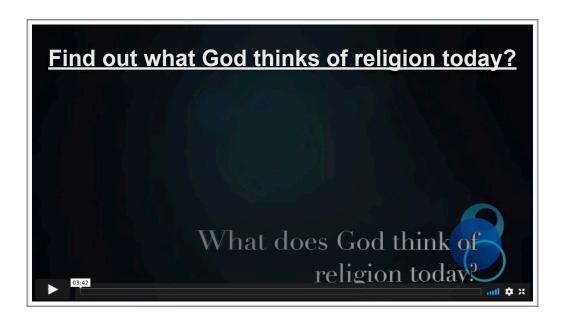
Is that all the apostles there were? Were there only twelve? No! Paul was an apostle. What will his reward be? The word of God doesn't say. Then there were 13 apostles? Were there any more than that? Barnabas was called an apostle, and he was not one of the twelve (Acts 14:14). In First Corinthians 12:28-29 it says, that God appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then people with gifts of miracles, healing, helps, administration and different kinds of tongues.

The word "apostle" is sometimes used for preacher (1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11). "I will send them prophets and apostles, and some they will kill, and some they will persecute" (Luke 11:49).

This applied not only to that time, but also to the last days, the end of this age. Look! False prophets will be there (Matt. 24:11). But will there also be true prophets (Matt. 7:15-16, 20)? Yes, Elijah is going to be sent before the great and terrible day of the Lord, and he is a prophet (Mal. 4:5). The two witnesses will prophesy before the coming of the Lord (Rev. 11:3). They will do miracles (Rev. 11:6-7). They will be able to stop the rain for three and one-half years, and turn water to blood, plus many other things.

Apostles are preachers. If they are false preachers, then they are false apostles. To say that there are no true apostles today, is to say that there are no true preachers.

God will use who He wishes to accomplish His plan in the last days. God's people will need to be able to discern the true apostles from the false, a truth from a lie, in the message they preach. We do this by staying close to God and His Word, living His Ways daily with an honest and good heart. Stay alert and sober, prepared for all that is to come (James 4:8; Luke 8:15).



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