

Covenant People's Ministry

INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES



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(Introduction:)

Brothers and sisters, this morning's sermon is titled Inwardly They Are Ravening Wolves and deals with the topic of false prophets. More specifically, in this study we'll be examining the Bible's teachings on imposters and comparing the Word of Yahweh to several blasphemous creeds that have crept into Christian Identity as of late. We must always be on guard against those who wish to interject denominationalism into CI and teach their own agendas over the scriptural and historical truths that have always defined Christianity.

(Sheep's Clothing:)

Jesus teaches; "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:15-20).

The thing about wolves who wear sheep's "clothing" is that outwardly they appear to be Christian. Many do great works and even have some eloquent teachings (in certain areas)

but they subtly work against the simple truths of the Word which is Christ (Revelation 19:13). Some recent false teachings that have crept into Christian Identity are denial of water baptism, denial of the spiritual realm (angels and demons), denial of a literal adversary (Satan) and denial of that adversary's literal children on earth as Christ teaches (Matthew 13:38).

Still speaking about false prophets, Christ straightforwardly assures them; **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity”** (Matthew 7:21-23). In short, not all Christian teachers make it.

Many false prophets have a form of godliness but deny the power of Yahweh and “creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (II Timothy 3:5-7). In this day and age, many are able to “creep into houses” through the airwaves (or internet) and mislead milquetoast Christians with doctrines that they don't fully understand themselves. While they profess to be “ever learning” or continually evolving they are not able to grasp truth.

So what is "truth?" This is a question Pilate asked Christ (John 18:38) and the basis of almost every antichrist philosophy that has been invented by man. Scripturally, "truth" is a form of trinity - it's the Word (John 17:17), it's Christ (John 14:6) and Jesus is that same Word (Revelation 19:13). Thus anything that deters from what's in the Bible or what Jesus teaches in scripture is a lie and this is how Christians are able to spot false prophets. Only the Word of God is profitable for doctrine (II Timothy 3:16), not man's own deceit or traditions.

(Damnable Heresies:)

The fact that there are counterfeit teachers in the Christian movement should not be surprising. Peter warned; “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. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (II Peter 2:1-2). Make no mistake about it - there are false prophets within Identity Christianity.

In Greek the word “heresies” is haireisis and means “a choice” or “sect of disunion” (#G139). It's taken from the prime root of aihreomai which means “to take for oneself” or “to prefer” (#G138). False prophets will choose their heresies by twisting them according to their own heart and such fictitious teachings eventually lead to disunion or disharmony in the Body of Christ. This is seen today with the numerous cliques within a once-agreed Body of Identity believers. If doctrine is not plainly written in the Word of God it is likely non-Biblical tripe.

Jesus teaches; "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19). In summation, those who witness falsely pertaining to the things of Yahweh simply desire to see things this way. They are the type of person who "reads themselves in to the scripture" as opposed to accepting the simple truth of God and attributing it to their lives. They are incapable of change nor do they feel they have need of repentance. In theory, they become their own "god" among insects.

By teaching against seedline imposters are able to perpetuate the myth that jews are "God's chosen people." By denying water baptism false prophets are able to restrict Christians entrance into the Kingdom because Christ teaches; "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). To elaborate, by spiritualizing away the plain truths of scripture the deceitful are able to cause man to be "corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (II Corinthians 11:3). The Bible means exactly what it says, it's genuinely that plain and simple.

Pharisees like to sidetrack the well-meaning with constant debates or by claiming "the Bible doesn't really mean what it says." The way of a false prophet is to make the simple seem more complicated while the genuine teacher can make the complex straightforward. If the Word of Yahweh mentions a literal adversary named Satan then Christians should know this is accurate. Furthermore, if scripture teaches that "baptism doth also now save us" (I Peter 3:21) then any Christian worth his salt will endeavor to be "saved" through baptism, period.

(Deceived Elect:)

Regarding imposters, Jesus teaches that towards the conclusion of this earth age; "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:11). Their target is naturally the Zadok so He further elaborates; "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" (Matthew 24:24) and "False Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect" (Mark 13:22).

Considering that all of these prophecies pertain "to the end of the world" (Matthew 24:3), it's also logical to suppose that these counterfeit instructors will teach against long-standing and accepted Christian doctrines. Some examples of this would be denying such things as water baptism, Satan de facto, literal angels, the resurrection, unclean spirits and Yahweh's Judgment. It's common sense that these ideals are accepted as Christian dogma because the Bible teaches as such thus it's obviously unwise to follow those who teach against it.

False prophets usually teach for financial gain or simply "filthy lucre's sake" (Titus 1:11). Christ remind us; "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26). Simply put, it's better to teach what's evidently written in scripture for free than to speak bold lies in the name of God for personal benefit. "There is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9) yet the imposter would have you to believe that there is because they depend on others accepting "veiled knowledge" or "secret keys."

As these verses confirm, it's not possible for the elect to be swindled. This can be a comforting thought to those who refuse to be drawn away into man's traditions or jumbled

interpretations. As it stands, either a majority of historical Christianity is erroneous and those who adhere to false dogmas are delivered or the opposite is true - the Word has the ability to save Yahweh's Israel people in every era regardless of man's "enlightened" explanations. The answer is clear - those who wish to limit God serve (at best) a deficient Savior.

James teaches that "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man" (James 3:2) meaning it's better to follow the written scripture than to gamble our salvation on man's contradictory dreams. Those who don't "explain away" the Word are perfect which Christ confirms; "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19).

(Intention:)

Like usual, my intention with this sermon is to glorify Yahweh by exposing some strategies of the false prophets within Christianity today. Over two and a half years ago I authored [Beware of False Prophets](#) yet this many years later another sermon pertaining to sham tutors was in order due to the countless new tenets that have recently infiltrated Christian Identity. Jesus reminds us; "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord" (Mathew 10:24 & Luke 6:40) thus those who teach against the Word or CI are questionable.

Furthermore, my objective this morning aligns with Jesus' own saying; "Beware of false prophets." Beware is a shortened form of "be aware" which means that Christians should be comparing what every man teaches with the everlasting scripture and marking those who teach contrary in the process. This not only includes myself, but the countless ministers that take a greater responsibility of overseeing God's flock. Judgment begins at the house of Yahweh and those who deny the Gospel suffer a greater condemnation (I Peter 4:17).

I can not stress the emphasis of Sola scriptura enough - it is our weapon against every false way and should be as the frontlets of our eyes in all situations (Deuteronomy 11:18). Anybody who says the Word of God is fallible is a barefaced false prophet and Israelites should be on guard against such teachings. Christ came to bring division not artificial "peace" (Luke 12:51). That being said, it's a Christian's duty to be as "watchmen on the wall" and to warn others against those who have proven themselves as antichrist through phony doctrines.

Be sure to pray for this ministry and one another - there are hazardous times ahead and there's much work to be done before the establishment of Yahweh's Kingdom on earth. In conclusion, perhaps the most important facet of this work is to "Prove all things [and] hold fast [to] that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21). Simply put, deficient doctrine creates faithless Christians so we must labor towards finding the pure truth while shunning deception which is evidently fathered by the devil (John 8:44). War for Christ! Amen.

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