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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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BIBLICAL WARNINGS CONCERNING FALSE PROPHETS

Matthew 7:13-29 is an important record of the powerful and authoritative words of Jesus Christ concerning false prophets and it is in this context Jesus tells us most people will be lost. False teaching is one of the reasons so many will choose the broad path to destruction as opposed to the narrow path to life. Those described by Jesus use deceptive means to lead souls astray. They look good, but are not what they appear to be. They seem to be gentle, and appear to be one of the flock, but when the opportunity arises their true nature will make itself known as they begin to devour the flock in the manner of ravenous wolves. Christians can be torn apart spiritually by false prophets who deceive them and take them by surprise. People who are not Christians can be so deceived by false prophets that they never receive the truth. While it is the case that God wants us to be saved, it is also the case that God allows man free-will (John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9; Jos. 24:15; Rev. 22:17). That free-will can be exercised in such a way that causes one to be deceived by false prophets or even to become a false prophet.

Such false prophets may deceive individuals into thinking a form of "Christianity" different from what God actually established is an acceptable form but Jesus show us this is not the case. Jesus describes individuals who had done many good works in the name of the Lord, and yet they had not respected God's authoritative commands. Such individuals will not be saved. People can use religious terms, behave in a religious fashion, and even worship in such ways that will cause them to be lost. Going about with a lifestyle and vocabulary that appears to be very "Christian" while failing to actually know and obey what God commands is spiritually fatal. To such, the Lord will say, "I never knew you (Mat. 7:21).

The parable given in the context of this discussion teaches the necessity of both hearing and obeying Jesus. We don't want to hear false prophets who will take us away from Jesus by teaching false doctrines that excuse a failure to obey Jesus. Jesus is the One who must be heard,

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and He is the One who must be obeyed (Mat. 7:22-29). Jesus is the Divine Son of God, and the One who has all authority (Mat. 28:18); Acts 2:36; Col. 1:14-18). We must hear Him, and the way we hear Him is by going to the New Covenant that was given to us by Him (John 14:16; Heb. 1). His Word is the standard we must teach and the rule by which we must live. False prophets may seek to deceive us into believing otherwise, but the fact is that Jesus is the judge (Acts 17:30) and His word is the standard of judgment (John 12:48).

Romans 16:17-18 shows us division is one of the problems caused by false prophets. Those holding to the truth are standing firmly upon God's authority and the foundation for true unity. Division occurs when individuals depart from God's standard. If unity is truly understood to be precious, then false teaching should be considered a major problem because it is the false doctrine that causes division. False teachers should be marked and avoided for the divisions they cause. They are like a cancer in the church that continues to contaminate and consume. False doctrine destroys the health of a church as it takes churches away from sound or healthy doctrine. For this reason we must be determined to engage in spiritual surgery and cut out the problem. We do that by marking and avoiding those who trouble the church through lying doctrine.

As Paul speaks of false teachers in Romans 16 he indicates selfishness as a motivation for preaching error. These teachers do not serve Jesus. If they served Jesus they would teach the truth. But, because they are selfish, they have turned away from the truth for the sake of personal gain. Some turn to false teaching in order to take advantage of the church financially, or in order to gain power and influence. These self-glorifying false prophets are often very capable in deceiving others. The context here speaks of their ability to deceive with smooth words and flattering speech.

To his day there are many false teachers who seek to pull people away from the truth through smooth words and flattering speech. To be able to defend ourselves against the evil of false teaching we are going to have to know the Bible well. The Bible is God's standard of authority and the standard by which we shall be judged. We must not allow people to take us away from the truth. Beware of false prophets.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

Dec. 20 - Rev. 11
Dec. 21 - Rev. 12
Dec. 22 - Rev. 13
Dec. 23 - Rev. 14



Dec. 24 - Rev. 15
Dec. 25 - Rev. 16
Dec. 26 - Rev. 17

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Stephen Williams' Wife, Jack Piper, Bud Strickland, Dennis McBrayer, Terrie & Melanie Williams, Annie Burns and Lori Spencer, Lauren's friend - Sandy, Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, Francis McBrayer, Jeff Chrysson, Diane Barger, D. J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

Gene Ruark underwent shoulder surgery Friday and is home now. He had rotator cuff and tendon repair. He is doing okay now but the nerve block hasn't worn off yet. Please keep him in your prayers.

Carolyn Plunk has recovered from her illness and was able to attend the worship services last Lord's Day.

David Queen is now able to walk without any assistance after having surgery on his ankle recently and is able to attend worship services.

Teresa Brown's **mother** has had a blood clot and Doctors were unable to remove the blood clot based upon its location in the brain. They were able to stabilize it but there were serious complications. She has lost all motor skills and speech. Please continue to pray for her.

Nikki Santiago was admitted to the hospital to have a procedure to drain fluid around her heart and is in recovery. She will be in the hospital until Monday. Thank everyone for their continued prayers.

UPDATE on Mike Cooper and his family: "Laura now has COVID. She has no symptoms but she checks positive. Mike and Allen are worst. Allen passed out last night and 911 was called and he was taken to the hospital. He was severely dehydrated and has viral pneumonia. After an IV he was sent home. Laura seems okay but is suffering from lack of sleep. The rest all seem to have milder symptoms so far. Only Jedd and Henry seem to be free of COVID. Please pray for the Cooper family.

"Please pray for **Judy McKeown**, beloved friend of Emily Workman and her family. She is hospitalized in Tennessee with COVID and took a turn for the worse overnight." - Emily Workman

Nancy Minor's sister-in-law, **Annie Burns**, who was reported to have cancer recently, has had an allergic reaction to the chemotherapy. Please pray for her.

Angie & Patrick Hutton and daughter Claire have tested positive for COVID. Angie is Andy's niece. Please keep them in your prayers.

Karen Martin Moore's husband, **Chuck**, has been released from the hospital after recovering from the COVID Virus. Please pray for this family.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

Update on Sandy Smith from Gaye Carothers:

Sandy Smith has made great progress. Thanks for encouraging cards and prayers. Please continue to keep praying for her as she now has blood clots in her right leg.

Thank You Note from Teresa Glenn's Sister:

To All the wonderful loving and kind Christians at Warners Chapel Church of Christ:

My heart is overwhelmed with love and blessings! Our Lord so abundantly gives His love and care for this I am so thankful. Our Lord has worked thru this wonderful church to bring me through some hard times during my sickness. Looking at my cards every day and knowing that all of you are out there praying for me fills me with so much Love. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, May I strive to be most Christ like every day.

Yours in Him, Patsy Maiers

WALKING WITH GOD

*Sometimes I walk in the shadow,
Sometimes in sunlight clear;
But whether in gloom or brightness
The Lord is very near.*

*Sometimes I walk in the valley,
Sometimes on the mountain's crest;
But whether on low or high land,
The Lord is manifest,*

*Sometimes I walk in the desert.
Sometimes in the waters cold;
But whether by sands or streamlets
The Lord doth me unfold.*

*Sometimes I walk in green pastures,
Sometimes on barren land;
But whether in peace or danger,
The Lord holds fast my hand.*

—Anonymous

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

DECEMBER, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER: MIKE GLENN

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Dec. 5 - Rodney Brown
Dec. 12 - Mark Minor
Dec. 19 - Gene Ruark
Dec. 26 - Al Lawson

SONG LEADER

Wayne Allen
Steve Tesh
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Kevin Rutherford
Mike Glenn
Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER:

SUNDAY A.M.

Dec. 5 - Allen Knight
Dec. 12 - Wayne Allen
Dec. 19 - Brian Byrd
Dec. 26 - Nathan Roy

SUNDAY P.M.

Dec. 5 - Bob Tesh
Dec. 12 - Justin Little
Dec. 19 - Carl Cooper
Dec. 26 - Clayton Workman

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 1 - D.C. Mock
Dec. 8 - Rodney Brown
Dec. 15 - Charley Belch
Dec. 22 - David Shoaf
Dec. 29 - Mike Lundgren

SECURITY AND GREETING: ED O'SHIELDS AND RICHARD HAMANN

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

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“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
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Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner