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The false shepherds - posted by elected (), on: 2007/3/20 9:10

We live in a time where there are many deceiving spirits leading people in the church astray even those who are regener ated by the Holy Spirit.Jesus warned us about the false shepherd in John 10,
'very, very, i say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheephold, but climbeth up some other way, the sam e is a the thief and a robber.'

How many so called pastors who are not washed by the blood of the Lamb are appointed ministers of the gosple just be cause they have been graduated from bible colleges and have given intellectual consent to the doctrines of scriptures. If in your church you dont hear the voice of the Shepherd through your local preacher (yes the preacher shold be the mou th of Christ here)then u better watch out. Jesus Said that my sheep will here my voice, when you read God's Word do yo u feel his voice through the Holy Spirit, when you pray do you feel his love in your heart then you should be able do disc ern the spirits.

Your local pastor can preach the doctrines of grace,zelaous in his personal convictions and still rob you of the joy and lo ve of God, he can "kill" your soul by his dead fundamental lifeless teaching, if you are wise you should be able to discern the spirit(s). Satan can fill the heart of many who are false ministers (see
2 Corinthians 11: 13-15).

Wild fires are burning in many hearts but the fire of the Holy Spirit is gentle and pure and few kindle thier hearts in its fla mes.That's why so many socalled revivals today are spurious, deception is sweeping the churches but praise God God s till has a ramnant everywhere who have not bowed their knee to baal. Before i pray for revival i want to pray for prophets with the spirit of Elijah who will warn people of false shepherds who lead God's ppl astray.

Re: The false shepherd, on: 2007/3/20 9:29

The deception in so called christianity today is so great and so deep... it is appalling. We must warn people but at the sa me time remember that it is GOD who sends strong dillusion to those who want their ears tickled. The people are not in nocent victims, God is just giving them what they want... A false prophet to tell them smooth things.

Isaiah 30:9-10
These are rebellious people, deceitful children,
children unwilling to listen to the LORD's instruction. They say to the seers,
"See no more visions!" and to the prophets,
"Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.

Re: The false shepherd - posted by enid, on: 2007/3/20 9:34

It is obvious that there is a great deception in the church today, and it's growing.

I listen to Christians talking, as if in some stupor about the future. All they are intrested in is now, and they are blind to th e lost and the obvious signs of the end times.

But God is faithful. And He still answers prayer.

As we seek Him we will find Him. He said so.

God bless.

Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2007/3/20 11:20

If your spiritual senses (faculties) are alive you can sense in the atmosphere of a church meeting a suffocating presence that tends to quench the fire of the Spirit and a pastor that will discourage you about seeking the Holy Ghost because his dead (or almsot dead theology) lieves no room for such a blessing, on the other hand there are churches and preachers who encourage all kinds of " extraordinary experiences" but unfortunatly the result of such experiences often leads not in a closer communion with the Lord or in a deeper sanctification or fruitful life but in spiritual dillusion and extreme emotio nalism.

The devil can be transformed as an angel of light, and he makes his servants to appear as the ministers of righteousnes s; if we dont have a discerning spirit we are in danger of being deceived.

Re:, on: 2007/3/20 11:33

elected-

I have experienced the latter. I used to walk into my pentacostal steeple house on Sunday morning with all kinds of willf ul sin in my life, having not even cracked my bible open all week or having prayed true prayers but praise God once the worship music started I could just feel the "holy spirit" in the place...

Once the Lord radically transformed my life and brought me out of sin I could see clearly the spirits of carnal sensuality i n the place that everyone else called the Holy Spirit.

If the Holy Spirit were to show up in one of these religous gatherings the compromised people would be on their faces w eeping instead of rejoicing in their deception.

I now have a strong burden to reach out to others living this lie, but not to many want too hear it :(They dont want their good times compromised with truth.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/3/20 12:58

Jim, I think you're hitting on something we were getting at (https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?modeviewtopic&topic_id14714&forum36&start10&viewmo deflat&order1) here

Wanted to pass it along.

Also,

your post brings to mind what I read recently in an article by David Smithers called *The Seeds of Revival*:

"Evan Roberts, while reflecting on the problems of The Welsh Revival of 1904, once wrote, "The mistake was to become occupied with the effects of the revival and not to watch and pray in protecting the cause of the revival." The lasting succ ess of the next move of God may very well depend upon our willingness to receive Mr. Roberts WARNING! There are m any today who are foolishly pursuing the effects of revival at the expense of neglecting the conditions of revival."

"Within nine years of the Azusa Street revival, Frank Bartleman was expressing deep concern for the future of the Pente costal movement. He recognized that many of the revival participants had become distracted by the effects of the revival and thus lost sight of God's primary purposed for revival. By neglecting the roots of the revival, Bartleman believed they had inadvertently cursed the spiritual fruit they so dearly desired."

Chris

Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2007/3/20 13:45

Hi jimdied2sin,

Me too have been in a charismatic church it was actually my first church and i have had there many blessed memories a s a new born christian.I also have been lead to the Lord thanks to 2 charismatic missionaries and i praise God 4 that.

In my early walk with the Lord i made mistakes in seeking power and healings and miracles i was lead astray and my foc us became the gifts and not the Giver of gifts, i even was so zealous as to pray for the dad baby of my neighbour to com e back to life, oh yes God is still the same i have no doubt that he is Allpowerfull to raise the dead but somehow i was ou t of the center of God's will and i even have experienced what the pentecostals call "baptism of the Holy Spirit" with tong ues as evidence but i found out little but little the more i prayed in tongues the more strange and distant i was to the love of God and his grace.To this day i cann't be 100% sure whether this experience was from God or not.

One thing i'm sure the devil is a great artist is couterfeiting the gifts of the Spirit, when i was a member of the charismatic church i saw ppl falling to the ground in an 'unconscience state' and after such a unuasual experience they were as carn al or sinful as before and there were no evidence of work of sanctification in their lives,i heard false prophesies that were never been fulfilled, ppl speaking in tongues that as far as i was able to discern were not really converted and regenerat ed.

I have also been for a short time member of the Plymouth Brethren and once i stood up to pray with zeal and sencerity a nd after the meeting someone (who sometimes preached there) made me a remark about my prayer.In such a atmosph ere i felt like greiving the Spirit.

My point is that something was goin wrong with these churches i frequented, the first lead ppl in superficial experiences and unusual experiences that resulted not in holiness of life but in emotionalism and spirits dillusions, the second(the bre thren) even though they put much emphesis on the Bible and doctrines the preaching was so powerless and cold as to q uench the fire of the Spirit if u didnt watch out.

Re:, on: 2007/3/20 14:02

Quote:
----------Jim, I think you're hitting on something we were getting at here
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WOW - thanks Chris... that is EXACTLY what I was saying.

Spiritual blessings in Christ - Jim

Re: - posted by john1140 (), on: 2007/3/20 14:32

Just wanted to add my $.02
I am so glad that I found this thread because sometimes I feel like I am the only one experiencing disillusionment with th e Church. Not wanting to be like Elijah (God, I am the only oneÂ…) I pray to the Lord about the very real disconnection o f what I hear in Church vs. what I learn from the Word. For the most part I see a depraved sense of greed for power, mo ney, and possessions. I wonder why in the world someone would promulgate the notion that the people of God would be better treated than the Master when we know that He was despised to the point of death. It is pure deception. CH Spurg eon said something to the effect that the old covenant was a covenant of prosperity and the new covenant is one of adv ersity whereby we are weaned from this present world and made meat (useful) for the world to come. It seems that ever yone wants to get to heaven, but no one wants to die. Death to the things of this world is required if we are going to serv e the Lord. We cannot serve God and Mammon. I also belong to a Charismatic church and I have found that to try and d ispute (even humbly) false doctrines will get you a label of Jezebel.

Re:, on: 2007/3/20 14:43

john1140-

Welcome... where you at in Michigan brother? I am in Shelby Twsp (30 minutes N. of Detroit).

in Christ - Jim

Re: - posted by john1140 (), on: 2007/3/20 14:45

Actually, I'm a girl :) John 11:40 is my favorite passage of scripture.
I live in Ann Arbor.

Re:, on: 2007/3/20 14:53

Ha, sorry. Check your private messages for some info about our fellowship in the Detroit area.

in Christ - Jim