

Devotional Thoughts :: Prophets, Disciples...what is truewhat is false**Prophets, Disciples...what is truewhat is false, on: 2016/11/17 11:42**

In light of the scriptures, looking at everything, the multiple prophecies coming forth, the confusion, the division, etc...Im I earning a valuable lesson, and how wrong Ive been. The Lord is breaking through, the scriptures are coming alive, and t he fear of the Lord is growing. May the Lord apply eye salve and give His spiritual discernment in all thing by the Holy S pirit. Increasing in the wisdom and knowledge of God with all humility.
Never trust in the arm of the flesh.

2 Corinthians 11: 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 A nd no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Matthew 7:15 â€œBeware of false prophets, who come to you in sheepâ€™s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous w olves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, e very good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree b ear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Jude 1: 3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to writ e to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, a fterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomor rah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gon e after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. 9 Yet Michael the archang el, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accus ation, but said, â€œThe Lord rebuke you!â€ 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they k now naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging w aves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, â€œBehold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly de eds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken again st Him.â€

16 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flatteri ng people to gain advantage. 17 But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of ou r Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the

love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

22 And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

2 Timothy 3: But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Galatians 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

John 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.â€

1 Corinthians 13: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 4: 12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

1 John 5: 1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Re: Prophets, Disciples....what is truewhat is false - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/11/17 12:30

Thank you Sherri for sharing these scriptures with us. All true prophesy will be in line with the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit abiding in our spirit will either bear witness to the prophesy that it is of God or will give us a check in our spirit that there is something not right about the word that has been given. The gift of prophesy is a precious gift that has been given to the Church for edification, exhortation, and comfort. A true prophet does not have to have a calling card or advertise that he is a prophet, but those in the Body of Christ that are exercising discernment will know it.

Re: Prophets, Disciples....what is truewhat is false - posted by Elibeth, on: 2016/11/17 17:04

Sherri, Dear Sister,

Love the thoughts and Scriptures.

Bless you,

elizabeth

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/17 17:25

Abide in Him said:

Quote:
-----A true prophet does not have to have a calling card or advertise that he is a prophet, but those in the Body of Christ that are exercising discernment will know it.

Boom!

Just the fact of the matter.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/17 17:42

It takes about .2 seconds to figure out when a true prophetic person is speaking.

Re: Prophets, Disciples....what is truewhat is false, on: 2016/11/17 18:09

Thanks for your input Brothers and Sister. I'm getting more and more leery when I hear a prophetic word. I agree that a true word from the Lord will bring strong conviction. Praise God for His correction and guidance if I get it wrong.

I didn't have the opportunity as some of you have to have a godly upbringing. My family turned their lives over to Jesus for 3 years when I was 12, but it was in a prosperity church, soon after they fell away. I didn't know the difference, and it took years to see the deception from it. Even now, deception is everywhere.

I've been drawn to listen to ministers like Leonard Ravenhill, A. W. Tozer, Zac Poonen, etc... I read a couple posts on here where some of you are part of the anabaptist mennonite, which I'm not really familiar with, so today I looked it up online and watched a mennonite home church and it warmed my heart. There wasn't anything organized, very simplistic....everyone was singing to Jesus with all of their hearts in harmony, and without instruments. It's what I would picture a gathering to be like in the book of Acts. My heart rejoiced as I watched and sang along.

I've been out of the church system / organized religion for several months. But thankful to be here at Sermon Index. I so appreciate you all. Thank you for the encouragement and exhortation. Praise the Lord Jesus!