

*DISCERNMENT IN A DAY OF DECEPTION*

**WOLVES AMONG THE SHEEP**

*Matthew 7:13-23*

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*"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." Matthew 7:15*

**Do you have questions concerning false prophets?**

**1. Why are there false prophets?**

- A. The stakes couldn't be higher.
- B. The devil wants to deceive you and see you end up in hell.
  - Remember the words "many" and "few."

**2. What is a false prophet?**

*Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own minds. Jeremiah 14:14*

- A. A true prophet is sent from God to speak for God.
- B. A false prophet comes in various forms.
  - 1. Some are heretics.
  - 2. Some are apostates.
  - 3. Many are subtle deceivers.

*But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 2 Timothy 3:13*

**3. How can you tell if someone is a false prophet?**

*"You will know them by their fruits." Matthew 7:16*

- A. Check the fruit of their teaching.

B. Check the fruit of their lives.

C. Check the fruit of their disciples.

**4. What happens to false prophets and their followers?**

A. They end up at the Great White Throne Judgment.

B. They go to hell because they never really knew Jesus.

**Do you know for certain that you know Him?**