

## FALSE TEACHERS

**Jude 1:3-19** — ...I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 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 licentiousness [license to break God's law]* and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.... as Sodom and Gomorrah... likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.... But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 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. 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; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.... These are murmurers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers *in the last time* who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

**Jude 1:3-5 (LB)** — Dearly loved friends, I had been planning to write you some thoughts about the salvation God has given us, but now I find I must write of something else instead, urging you to stoutly defend *the truth* which God gave, once for all, to his people to *keep without change*

through the years. I say this because SOME GODLESS TEACHERS HAVE WORMED THEIR WAY IN AMONG YOU, *saying that after we become Christians we can do just as we like without fear of God's punishment* [they teach: "once saved, always saved"]. The fate of such people was written long ago, for they have turned against our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. My answer to them is: Remember this fact—which you know already—that THE LORD SAVED A WHOLE NATION OF PEOPLE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, AND THEN KILLED EVERY ONE OF THEM *who did not trust and OBEY Him*.

**2 Pet 2 & 3** — But there were also false prophets among the people [in old testament times], even as *there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies*, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness THEY WILL EXPLOIT YOU WITH DECEPTIVE WORDS; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber... especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed; they are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, ...But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, beguiling unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children. They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but he was rebuked for his

iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, to whom the gloom of darkness is reserved forever. For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through licentiousness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption*; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." ...[know this]: that scoffers will come *in the last days*, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." ...But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.... *those who are untaught and unstable twist [the writings of the apostle Paul] to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.* You therefore, beloved, since you know these things beforehand, BEWARE lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked.

**Acts 20: 29-31** — "For I [the apostle Paul] know this, that after my departure *savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.* ALSO FROM AMONG YOURSELVES MEN WILL RISE UP, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS, to draw away

the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

**Rom 16:17-18** — Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and *by smooth words and flattering speech deceive* the hearts of the simple.

**2 Cor 11:3-4** — But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent DECEIVED Eve by his craftiness, so *your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ*. For if he who comes preaches ANOTHER JESUS whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a DIFFERENT GOSPEL which you have not accepted, *you may well put up with it*.

**2 Cor 11:13-15** — For such are FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! *For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness*, whose end will be according to their works.

**Gal 1:6-9** — I marvel that you are *turning away* so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a DIFFERENT GOSPEL, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to *pervert the gospel of Christ*. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, *if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received*, let him be accursed.

**Dan 11:32-34** — ...but the people who know their God

shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; ...but many shall join with them by intrigue. [Or as the NIV puts it—and many who are *NOT sincere* will join them.]

**Mat 7:15-18** — *Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.* Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

**Eph 4:14** — ...we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, *by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness by which they lie in wait to deceive...*

**2 Thes 2:9-12** — The coming of THE LAWLESS ONE is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous *deception* among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**1 Tim 4:1-2** — Now the Spirit says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, *giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons*, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...

**1 Tim 6:20-21** — ...Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and vain babblings and *contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge*—by professing it, some have strayed concerning the faith.

**2 Tim 3:1-13** — But know this, that *in the last days* perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, ...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 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, *always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth....* BUT EVIL MEN AND IMPOSTORS WILL GROW WORSE AND WORSE, DECEIVING AND BEING DECEIVED.

**2 Tim 4:3-4** — For the time will come when *they will NOT endure sound doctrine*, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and *they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

**Titus 1:9-16** — ...[A minister should] be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who *contradict*. For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and *deceivers*, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.... Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not giving heed to Jewish fables and *commandments of men* who turn from the truth. To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. THEY PROFESS TO KNOW GOD, BUT IN WORKS THEY DENY HIM, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

**Heb 13:8-9** — Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday, today, and forever. [Therefore] do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines.

**1 John 4:1-5** — Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but

TEST the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets [or teachers] have gone out into the world.... *They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.*

**3 John 1:9-10** — I [the apostle John] wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.

**Rev 2:24-25** — [LB] “As for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching (‘deeper truths,’ as they call them—depths of Satan, really), I will ask nothing further of you; only hold tightly to what you have until I come.

**Rev 2:2** — “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have *tested* those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars.