

“There Will Be False Teachers Among You...” (2)

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 10:34-39*

I. Warnings for God’s people from the Old Testament

- A. Reject false prophets and false teachers — *Deuteronomy 12:29-32; 13:1-18; 18:20-22*
- B. False teachers may often appear to be honest and sincere — *1 Kings 18:17-18, 26-28*
- C. Beware of those who would pacify sins and error — *Jeremiah 23:13-14, 17, 28-40; 20:8-9*
- D. Beware of those who would loosen the restraints of God’s Word — *Micah 2:11; 3:8*

II. Warnings for God’s people from the New Testament

- A. The warning of Jesus about the broad way that leads to destruction — *Matthew 7:13-23*
- B. What is contrary to the Word of God will be “rooted up” — *Matthew 15:1-14; 16:6*
- C. An historical example of a man seeking to turn others away from the faith — *Acts 13:6-12*
- D. Paul’s warning to the saints in Rome — *Romans 16:17-18*
- E. Paul’s urging and affirmation of the Corinthians — *1 Cor 4:6; 2 Cor 4:2-5; 11:2-4, 12-15*
- F. Paul’s charge to the Galatian Christians — *Galatians 1:6-9; 2:5, 11-14; 2 Peter 3:15*
- G. Error taught by good men of good motives is still error — *Philipp 1:15-18; 1 Tim 1:12-13*
- H. John’s insight into the battle between truth and error — *1 John 1:5-6; 4:1-6; 2 John 9-11*

Conclusion:

- A. In the midst of controversy, let us not miss that John emphasizes the importance of conducting ourselves with love for our brethren at all times (*1 John 3:11; 4:7-21*).
- B. Part of spiritual maturity is learning (*Philippians 1:10; 4:5; 1 Corinthians 13:7*)
- C. Let’s remember the truth of *2 Peter 2:1*.