

“Unmasking the Wolves”  
Matthew 7:15-20 – Part 2

- Introduction
  - 1 Kings 18:1-9
  - 2 Peter 2:1
  - Mathew 24:5
- First, the *description of the false prophets*
  - A true prophet *was sent from God*
    - Exodus 3:10
    - Jeremiah 23:21
  - A true prophet *spoke for God*
    - Ezekiel 3:27
    - Jeremiah 14:14
  - A true prophet *led people to God*
    - Deuteronomy 30:15-16
    - Jeremiah 29:13-14
- Second, the *danger of false prophets*
  - 2 Peter 2:1

- Third, the *deception of false prophets*
  - 2 Corinthians 11:12-15
  
- Fourth, the *detection of false prophets*
  - Those with *bad fruit are unregenerate*
    - #1: They are *void of the Holy Spirit*
    - #2: They are *still controlled by their sin*
    - #3: They are *servants of Satan*
  
  - Those with *good fruit are regenerate*
    - #1: They are *possessors of the Holy Spirit*
    - #2: They are *no longer controlled by their sin*
    - #3: They are *servants of God*
  
- We look at their *life*
  - *Immorality*
    - 2 Peter 2:10, 14
    - Jude 17-18, 19

- *Greed*
  - Jeremiah 6:13
  - 2 Peter 2:14, 15
  - Jude 11
  - 1 Timothy 6:5
  
- *Love of power*
  - 3 John 10
  - 2 Corinthians 11:20
  
- *Disobedience to Christ's teachings*
  
- *Deception* – Jeremiah 6:13; 23:26
  
- *Hypocrisy* – Jeremiah 23:11
  
- *Lying* – Jeremiah 5:12; 23:14; 23:34; 2 Peter 2:19
  
- *Worthless activity* – Jeremiah 2:8
  
- *Opposition to God* – Jeremiah 2:27
  
- *Promotion of wicked people* – Jeremiah 23:14
  
- *Targeting of the weak minded* – 2 Peter 2:10
  
- *Charisma* – 2 Peter 2:2
  
- *Exploitation* – 2 Peter 2:3

- *Opposition to authority* – 2 Peter 2:10
- *Boldness and self will* – 2 Peter 2:10
- *A belief of invincibility* – 2 Peter 2:10-11
- *Arbitrary rejection of sound doctrine* – 2 Peter 2:12
- *Luxurious living* – 2 Peter 2:13
- *Beginning well in the gospel* – 2 Peter 2:20
- *No fear of God* – Jude 12
- *Schemes for taking advantage* – Jude 16
- *Causing of church divisions* – Jude 19
- *Unregeneracy* – Jude 19
- *Human eloquence and wisdom* – 1 Corinthians 2:1, 4-5
- *Masterful satanic imitation* – 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- *Abuse (mental, financial, physical)* – 2 Corinthians 11:20
- *Use of magic to sway people from the truth* – Galatians 3:1

- *Zealous seeking to gain a following* – Galatians 4:17
- *Confusion* – Galatians 5:10, 12
- *Good impressions to impose standards for the purpose of boasting* – Galatians 6:12-13
- *Confidence in the flesh* – Philippians 3:2-3
- *Deceitful philosophy* – Colossians 2:8
- *Cheating believers of their reward* – Colossians 2:18
- *Pretense of humility* – Colossians 2:18
- *Speculation about the spirit world* – Colossians 2:18
- *Boasting over supernatural visions* – Colossians 2:18
- *Imposing regulations* – Colossians 2:20-23
- *Listening to deceiving spirits for doctrine* – 1 Timothy 4:1-3
- *Summary of the life of a false teacher: Rejection of Christ's teachings, pride, ignorance, controversy, immorality, absence of truth, and greed* – 1 Timothy 6:3-5