

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matthew 7:15 KJV



Charles Spurgeon wrote, "The kisses of an enemy are deceitful. Let me be on my guard when the world puts on a loving face, for it will, if possible, betray me as it did my Master, with a kiss. Whenever a man is about to stab religion, he usually professes very great reverence for it. Let me beware of the sleek-faced hypocrisy which is armour-bearer to heresy and infidelity." Many claim to be "*disciples of Christ*," yet their teachings neither glorify nor deify Him, rather they seek to humanize and degrade the Savior into a mere sinful man! The Church's problems come more from the evil within it than from the evil which surrounds it. The test of a false prophet is not the Truth that he uses to spin his web, but the tiny bits of evil flotsam that he uses to anchor it. God says, "*[They] prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.*" It only requires one lie qualify one as a "*false prophet*." God never lies and neither do true prophets. True prophets will never say anything contradictory to God's written Word. This is why Satan is so desperately trying to change and modify Scripture. Why are there so many versions and translations? It is meant to confuse and dilute. "*God is not the author of confusion.*" If the message is vague or unclear, it is the work of Satan! Only small amounts of poison are needed to kill! Observe the life of so-called prophets. Look for men who teach Truth not only with their mouths, but with their living. "*Whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.*" A true prophet cannot live in immorality or worldliness and his words come straight from God. "*Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.*" Satan wants us to concentrate on the enemy without, and well we should, but in so doing we often overlook the traitor who destroys from within with kisses of betrayal. If you claim to be Christ's disciple, attend the Assembly regularly, and observe the ordinances of communion and baptism, yet tolerate sin in your life, are you not also as traitorous as Judas who proclaimed friendship while selling the Savior to His enemies for 30 pieces of silver and a kiss? So many preach about getting closer to God by making Jesus more like man instead of preaching that men should be more like Christ!

False prophets come with smile of peace,
Their evil ways will never cease,
Their work destroys the faith and love,
In Living Lord Who dwells above. ~CGP

God uses false prophets to test His people's heart. His feelings about false prophets never change.

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee." Deuteronomy 13:1-5 KJV