



41. False prophets

Jesus said, "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits ... every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit ... Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' and then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'" Matthew 7:15-23

Some false prophets look like they belong in God's flock ... but they are ravenous wolves disguised as

sheep. Some refer to Jesus as their Lord ... but He *isn't* their Lord. Some will even be surprised when they are denied entrance into Heaven. You see, they aren't saved even though they speak in His name ... cast out demons ... and perform miracles. Jesus said that false prophets would "*show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect,*" Matthew 24:24.

In the last days difficult times will come in which men will hold "*to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power ... those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins,*" 2 Timothy 3:5-7. Some false prophets appear to be Christian ... say many correct things ... and even perform miracles ... but the true power of God is missing in them. Be particularly careful of electronic false prophets who enter homes via television, radio, and the Internet. Jesus said, "*See to it that no one misleads you,*" Matthew 24:4.