

“Beware of False Teachers” Matthew 7:15-20

I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

A. The Sermon on the Mount (Righteous principles of the promised Kingdom)

The purpose of the Sermon was to <u>instruct</u> those who believed on Christ as Messiah and to <u>condemn</u> those who had not yet done so.

Jesus raises the <u>level</u> of righteousness from a relative human standard to a <u>divine</u> standard

Jesus shows that mankind cannot <u>reach</u> this level of righteousness
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For those who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah, it puts forth the righteous <u>principles</u> to be <u>employed</u> by faith as Jews until the kingdom is set up.

The sermon also contains <u>trans-dispensational principles</u> which are to be applied by faith for the believer <u>today</u>
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*This section (7:13-27), deals with true righteousness...

Regarding entrance to the Kingdom (7:13-14) – seen in 2 ways

Regarding False Prophets (7:15-20) – seen as 2 kinds of trees

Regarding False Profession (7:21-27) -expressed through 2 professions & 2 foundations

1. The first command was to enter by the_____.
2. In attempting to find the narrow gate, they were also commanded to _____
_____ or teachers!

“Beware”

*What are you to beware of?

“False Prophets”

*How are these false prophets described?

- Outwardly they appear in _____

but - Inwardly they are _____

“Ravenous wolves”

*How can believers distinguish them from true prophets?

- False teachers are _____ by their _____

*What do we need to know about their fruits?

- The indicator of a false teacher is the _____, the _____ he uses.

- Yet every false teacher will eventually be _____.