



Deuteronomy 18:20, "But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die."

## I. THE MESSAGE OF A FALSE TEACHER (II PETER 2:1)

II Corinthians 11:13-15, "<sup>13</sup> For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

The word "**heresy**" is derived from the Greek word **hairesis** (airesiv , hah'-ee-res-is) which means "a disunion, a sect, a division.

"It is better to be divided in truth than to be united in error." – Adrian Rogers

"I do not want to know anything of peace and concord when the Word of God is thereby lost and the Word and eternal life and everything is forfeited. It is not right for me here to draw back and give way out of love toward you or toward any other person. But before the Word everyone must give way, whether he be a friend or an enemy. For the Word has not been given to us for the sake of external or worldly concord or peace, but for the sake of eternal life. Don't talk to me, therefore, of love and friendship if the Word and faith are to be compromised." – M. Luther

I Timothy 4:1-2, "<sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; <sup>2</sup> Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

### A. THE SOURCE TEST

Revelation 22:18-19, "<sup>18</sup> For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: <sup>19</sup> And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

### B. THE SAVIOR TEST

Matthew 4:10, "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Matthew 2:11, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

### C. THE SUBJECT TEST

I Corinthians 2:2, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Galatians 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

### D. THE SALVATION TEST

Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### E. THE SANCTIFICATION TEST

## II. THE METHOD OF A FALSE TEACHER (II PETER 2:2-3)

### A. PRIVIOUS WISDOM (I PETER 2:1)

The word "privily" means secretly or hard to spot.

### B. PERNICIOUS WAYS (II PETER 2:2)

### C. PLASTIC WORDS (II PETER 2:3)

The word "feigned" is from the Greek word **plastos** (plastov , plas-tos') where we get the word "plastic".

II Timothy 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"

## III. THE MANNER OF A FALSE TEACHER (II PETER 2:2)

The phrase "pernicious ways" means destructive, unbridled lust. Apostasy and immorality are intermittently woven.

Jude 4, "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 6:1-2, "<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

Jeremiah 23:14, "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah."

Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

## IV. THE MOTIVE OF THE FALSE TEACHER (II PETER 2:3)

Romans 8:32, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"