**Jude 4 Fighting False Teachers Pt A ©2019 WF Cobb Truthbase.net *DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

*4 Certain men have crept in unnoticed...ungodly, who turn the grace of our God into lawless caprice - deny the only Lord God and JC*

**I. False teachers are demonic wolves seeking to deceive & destroy disciples, diminishing God's glory by appealing to unsanctioned desires/lusts**

Mt 24:4 Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 many will come in My name*:* 'I am the Christ,' and deceive many 9 they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated...for My name's sake.10 many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand*. [forewarned is forearmed]*

**II. Believers need to be on guard against popular, broad-way teachers who yield fatal fruit that sterilizes spiritual lives (unfruitful)**

Mt 7:13 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits*. (3:8,10 repentance; 13:23 understand & apply, reproductive {28:20}; 21:43 God glorifying-look good*; 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know/perceive them. 21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of/from the heavenS, *(source cf kingdom of/from God)* but he who **does** the will of My Father in heaven

**III. False teachers only tell people what they want to hear (for followers) rather than what God wants them to hear (for faithfulness)**

Acts 20:26 I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse/distortions, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. 32 So now, brethren, I commend/entrust you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. c*f P's commission Acts 26:18 open eyes....turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me*

**IV. Accurate faithful belief in the coming Messiah, and His Word is the only salvation from the inevitable future tribulations**

Rev 12:17 dragon to war cx who keep the commandments of God and hold fast their testimony re Jesus Christ 13:3 fatal wound healed...the whole world marveled and followed the beast 6 blaspheme God 7 granted to him to make war with the saints and to **overcome** them 11 I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 he exercises all the authority of the first beast, causes the earth to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, he even makes fire come down from heaven 14 he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs...15 power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all....to receive a mark 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast....

Rev 12:11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death

Rev 20:4: saw thrones... and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, nor received his mark and they lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 years.

**V. Truth teachers will sensitively tell people what they need to hear in order to be free now, and happy eternally (“Well done!”)**

2Tim 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in and out of season. Reprove/refute, rebuke/censure, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but acc to their own lusts/desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth, there is laid up/reserved *Col 1:5* for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**VI. Noble-minded believers Search the Scriptures and use the Sword of the Spirit to slay the salvation/soul stealing lies of satan**

Eph 6 the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God Acts 17:11 noble-minded rcvd word eagerly...searched daily to find out whether these things were so. Titus 1:9 holding fast the trustworthy word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to admonish and refute/convict those who oppose. 2Tim 2:24 servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion/Response:**

1. If someone doesn't teach believers to obey what Jesus commanded, are they a false teacher? Difference inaccurate vs false teachers?

2. How can you recognize a false teacher? Popularity(narrow way?)? Fruit (whatever that is??) Miracles? Spec Revelation/Experiences?

3. What motivates a false teacher? Why do people embrace and follow them? Where is the Holy Spirit of God in convicting and guiding