

**Beware Of  
False Teachers**

## 2 Peter 2:1-3

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow

their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

But false prophets also arose  
among the people

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Jeremiah 2:8

The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the shepherds transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

## Jeremiah 29:8-9

For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; **I did not send them**, declares the LORD.

just as **there will be false  
teachers** among you



## Mark 13:22

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect

## Acts 20:29-30

I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things

It would have been well for the church of Christ, if the warnings of the Gospel had been as much studied as its promises.

– J. C. Ryle

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destructive **heresies**

## Jude 1:4

For certain people have **crept in unnoticed** who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

The raw material for a devil is an angel. The raw material for the son of perdition was an apostle; and the raw material for the most horrible of apostates is one who is almost a saint.

– Charles Spurgeon

1 Corinthians 11:19

for there must be **factions** among you  
in order that those who are genuine  
among you may be recognized

Galatians 5:20

idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy,  
fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions,  
**divisions,**

even **denying the Master** who  
bought them, bringing upon  
themselves **swift destruction.**

Matthew 26:72

And again he **denied** it with an oath:  
“ I do not know the man.”

Acts 3:14

But you **denied** the Holy and  
Righteous One, and asked for a  
murderer to be granted to you



1 Corinthians 6:20

for you were **bought** with a price. So  
glorify God in your body.

Acts 20:28

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to  
all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has  
made you overseers, to care for the  
church of God which he **obtained with  
his own blood**

And many will follow their  
**sensuality**, and because of them  
the way of truth will be  
blasphemed.

## 2 Corinthians 12:21

I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and **sensuality** that they have practiced.

## Galatians 5:19

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, **sensuality**,

What attracts people to these false teachers is that they advocate a licentious lifestyle, and therefore many people are only too glad to follow their example.

- Thomas Schreiner

and because of them the way of  
truth will be **blasphemed.**

## Psalm 74:10

How long, O God, is the foe to  
scoff? Is the enemy to revile your  
name forever?

In our proud love affair with ourselves we pour contempt, whether we know it or not, on the worth of God's glory. As our pride pours contempt upon God's glory, His righteousness obliges Him to pour wrath upon our pride.

– John Piper

And in their **greed** they will exploit  
you with false words.



## Jeremiah 8:10

because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain; from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.

The true shepherd wants to feed  
the sheep; the false shepherd  
wants to fleece the sheep.

– J. Robert Vanoy

And in their **greed** they will exploit  
you with **false words**.

Their condemnation from long ago  
is not idle, and their destruction is  
not asleep.

## John 10:11-12

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.