

MATTHEW 7 vs 15

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Quite naturally, Jesus now turns to those who seduce... and deceive... and lead us off that very narrow way...

15 Beware / be warned, of false prophets / in Greek: **pseudoprophetes; lying prophets...** until the last days, those who claim to have a special word from the Lord for you and me; Jesus said, My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me!

beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves / they come in pretense; they claim by outward appearance to be among the sheep belonging to Jesus, always clothed in what seems innocent; but the hidden truth is: they are vicious and deadly ready and able to kill you in a minute.



16 You will know them by their fruits / false prophets who claim to have a word from the Lord; you will know them by their rotting fruits; who are very different than the Spirit sent to produce: **love** and **joy** and **peace** from God; and goodness, **mercy** and **grace**, and 1,000 other reflections of His image

Jesus asks...

Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from weeds? / do they?

17 Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree / a rotting tree, **brings forth evil fruit /** produces poneros fruit; pain in the ass fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, nor can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is chopped down and thrown in the fire.

20 Why was all this said?

by their fruits you will know them / Jesus says there is a connection between who a man is, and what a man does. If you have a bad apple of a teacher, then it is not evidence of the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus says, **Beware!** Keep the vicious wolf from the gate!

21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord / not everyone who says: hey Boss, hey Chief, **will enter the kingdom of heaven /** enthusiastic lip-service...is not faith.

but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven / the Father who said, this is My beloved Son, listen to Him! And the Son who said the night He was betrayed: **guard to protect** My words,

The one who listened and actually did what He said, will enter.

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²² Many will enthusiastically say to Me in that day,

Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your Name? / Did we not represent You? Didn't we sound like Isaiah and Jeremiah and Daniel and Amos and Zephaniah; and Habakkuk; and Zechariah?

and in Your Name cast out many demons? / demons run from the name of JESUS; they don't run from wild ass men; but they do change their tactics... and still invade congregations, today;

and in Your Name do many wonderful works? / of course representing You... perhaps starting with: remember I sung many wonderful songs? Remember I led many wonderful Sunday school lessons? Jesus tells us: religious vocabulary, religious creed -- no matter how warmly performed... is not faith.

²³ And then will I profess to them / I will openly, and publicly declare to them,

I never knew you / I don't recognize you; I don't know you; **We have never met.**

When Jesus says **I never knew you** / you definitely are a nobody!

depart from Me you lawless workers;

/ make your exodus! in Greek: **anomia** = a, negative + **nomos** = law = **anti-law**

I've always wondered about this verse... especially knowing the Lord is pretty smart, until it dawned on me: the Lord God's agenda never changed; He hoped mankind was **made in the image and likeness of God** many who freely love God who created them, walking with Him... learning from Him in the cool of the day; also freely preferring one another! It is evident, something went wrong with the first Adam -- we see that clearly. In the second Adam, all were again invited to walk freely with the Lord and learn from Him.

Jesus said...

depart from Me, you lawless workers,

I never knew you / those He knew... those who were in His mind and heart from all eternity... they freely live to love God our Father; and to love one another which is why Jesus said, Change your thinking; think differently and join Him in the way He is going.

The night He was betrayed, Jesus said,

[By this will all mankind know that you are My disciples; if you have love, one for another.](#)

That's it.

Next, Jesus wraps up this stunning Sermon on the Mount; no one ever spoke like Him

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24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them will be like a wise man, who built his house on a rock: / Dr. Dallas Willard says, we need to learn His words and whole ideas; His images; His way of thinking, notice, Jesus the good Pastor did not say: does them perfectly,

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house;

and it did not fall: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does **not do them** / they yawn and roll their eyes... when they hear them,

will be like a foolish man / a sluggish moron; a typical dumb jackass, who built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came / the same crisis came just like the other one, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell: and great was its fall.**

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings,

The word here is: **logos**; when He had finished these words. Most people do not know that Matthew clearly organized his gospel in 5 sections or divisions... always concluding with this repetitious phrase here when His early ministry and sermon on a mountainside concluded: **Matthew was an eyewitness to Jesus.**

We find this expression next in **chapter 11:1**, where Matthew shows us a sample of Jesus' ministry around the Galilee of the nations; in **chapter 13:53**, when we observe the work of the Messiah, and some of the parables of the kingdom of God are in focus; **chapter 19:1**, as confrontations with religious leaders increase, Matthew tells us He departed to regions beyond Jordan in preparation to enter Jerusalem with much acclaim; **and in chapter 26:1**, where we discover Jesus is to give... His life a ransom for many,

the people were astonished at His teaching / they were amazed; and we would be amazed, too; Jesus is the good Teacher. If He sounded like the teachers we hear in the universities and public arena, his followers would have disappeared before the first century ended; and we'd never know His Name.

the people were astonished at His teaching...

29 For He taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

JESUS as He lived among us... did not sound like their pompous, educated elite... nor like ours, today.

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