

LESSON LVI.

FALSE PROPHETS, APOSTLES AND TEACHERS.

1. Satan has also his teachers, who in various ways oppose the truth, as follows:

(a) False prophets by the hundreds. 1 Kings 18:18-20; Matt. 24:24; 7:22, 23.

(b) These are inspired by the lying spirit of Satan, which they believe is the spirit of God. 1 Kings 22:21-24; Eph. 2:1, 2.

(c) There are "heaps" of false teachers. 2 Tim. 4:3, 4; 2 Peter 2:1.

(d) False apostles. 2 Cor. 11:13, 14; Rev. 2:2.

2. The following are unmistakable signs of false teachers:

(a) Teaching idolatry. Deut. 13:1-3.

(b) Teaching holiness without obedience to God's law. Num. 15:37-41; 16:1-7.

(c) Teaching that a man is delivered while sinning. Jer. 7:8-10.

(d) Setting aside God's Sabbath and instituting another in its place. Eze. 22:25, 26; Hosea 2:11-13; Gal. 4:8-10.

(e) Teaching that such as hate and seek to kill are "free" and children of God. John 8:31-44.

(f) Teaching commandments of men instead of God's commandments. Matt. 15:8, 9.

3. We must prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. 1 Thes. 5:21; Isa. 8:20.

QUESTIONS.

1. What will Satan do to oppose the work of God?
2. By what are false prophets inspired? Name one text.
3. Name two texts proving there are many false teachers.
4. Of what is teaching idolatry a sure sign?
5. Of what will teaching holiness without obedience ever be an evidence?
6. Name a text showing some believe themselves delivered while living in sin.
7. Of what is the setting aside of the Sabbath ever a sign?
8. Who taught they were free and children of God while hating Christ and seeking to kill him?

9. What will they teach, instead of God's commandments?
 10. By what should they be tested? Give one text.
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