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Beware of false prophets, false teachers

Jeremiah 23

The kings and princes of Judah, whose failures led directly to the exile of God's people.

God's greatness transcends time and space, and has been, is, and will be. Our knowledge of God should be increasing day by day, and we should not just think of some spiritual experiences in the past and be satisfied with them, but we can know and experience God every day, and our knowledge of God can be renewed day by day.

God promises good shepherds that if shepherds do not take care of God's flock, God will pay for their sins, and he will appoint another good shepherd to ensure that none of His chosen sheep is missing or lost. Since God has entrusted His flock to the shepherds, if the shepherds do not take care of them, no matter how godly they serve and preach, they have already committed the sin of evil. In the same way, God "takes from whom much is given; Ask much of whomever you trust" (Luke 12:48), and the shepherd of the church must not see himself as a zealous brother, but must be responsible for shepherding God's flock among you and caring for them according to God's will (1 Peter 5:2).

Although a shepherd's failure to fulfill his duties can destroy the scattering of God's flock, God's will is neither driven by human loyalty nor hindered by human disobedience. In fact, it was God Himself who re-established the people. Therefore it is God's responsibility to gather the remnant of his flock and bring them back to his fold. and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

(v.7) refers to the second exodus from Egypt. The second Egypt is more significant than the first Egypt.

God scattered the people to the nations according to His righteousness (Deuteronomy 29:25-28); And the people were brought back to the promised land according to His faithfulness and promise (Deuteronomy 30:1–10). The second exodus from Egypt will only be fully fulfilled in the kingdom of the Messiah. The Messiah rules the world with righteousness and fulfills all the requirements of the law, and the saints are called righteous by believing in him. As in Romans 1:17: For the righteousness of God is manifested in this gospel; This righteousness is of faith, and of faith. As it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Verses 9-40 are God's rebuke of false prophets who are godless, abusive, and contribute to the shepherd's wrongdoing. Kings are supposed to be righteous and prophets are supposed to uphold the truth, but these false prophets use lies to justify the king's injustice.

Verses 11–12 are God's judgment on false prophets. They disguise themselves as guides to others, and as a result, "their paths shall be like a slip in the darkness, and they shall be pursued and fall in the way." Today, God will bring disaster upon the false teachers of the world who pretend to be spiritual teachers. Do not do what our hearts think in the name of God. Everyone knows very well in their hearts whether God has said anything to him or what has been revealed to them. God's revelations to His servants are obvious, and the church or Christians today must be careful about these things. We often hear people say that they are servants of God, and this is good, and indeed, every Christian is a servant of God's message of salvation. Every Christian is a priest, a leader in the knowledge of God and in God. We are God's servants. But God's servants should be clear about one thing: Has God revealed anything to us? Has God Himself spoken to us? God's name must not be misused, for God will punish him.

False prophets usually do not openly oppose God and deny God, but intentionally or unconsciously mislead people, and false prophets in the last days are more able to deceive people, because their specious teachings make believers more likely to become untaught people, and they teach you in vain, and the visions they say are from their own hearts. Therefore, we must not believe all the burning visions of our words, but we must listen to their words and observe their deeds, and observe whether their words and deeds are of the Holy Spirit or of our own hearts. The preacher, on the other hand, should be more temperate and would rather preach the foolish Bible than substitute preaching for God's Word, much less speak his own words in God's name. Therefore, we must not believe all comforting and inspirational messages, but we must examine the Bible to know what is true and what is not, and to discern whether it teaches true confession of sin. And the preacher should stand firm, preferring to use the message of judgment to bring people to repentance rather than false peace to keep the world in defiance of God.

Today, there are those who do not have God's calling, but who regard preaching as a profession or a career, and who use godliness as a way to gain gain, 1 Timothy 6:5, and no matter how zealous they run and love out, they dare not offend people, please the public, and make people more comfortable and do things according to their stubborn disgust. False prophets flattering

people with their mouths and swords to make people feel comfortable walking their own path to ruin will not be profitable. Therefore, true prophets do not use good words to please people, but use deafening judgmental messages to awaken people to fear God's name and return to God's right ways. God has revealed His Word to us throughout the Bible, and the most important criterion for distinguishing between true and false teachers is not whether the content is comforting and inspiring, but whether it leads people back to the Bible and obeys and obeys God's Word. And the reason why we are to "search the Scriptures daily, that we may know whether the word is true or not" (Acts 17:11).

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God also criticizes those who call themselves shepherds who do not really care about the well-being of the flock, but instead pursue their own interests and power. God proclaimed a message of judgment and punishment to these pastors and prophets, while also sending a message of hope and salvation to the people of Israel, encouraging them to return to the path of true faith and godly living.

Let's pray together:

Abba Heavenly Father, pray for the city we grew up in, and ask God to have mercy on this land and for so many people who don't know you. Binding Satan's works in the name of the Lord Jesus. So that all people can know the Lord Jesus and know you as the only true God. Help us to know Bible truth, to speak your word boldly, to lead others to Christ.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Jeremiah 23

- 23:1 And he said, Woe is woe to the shepherds who have mutilated the sheep that have scattered my pastures.
- 23:2 The God of Israel rebuked the shepherds who shepherded his people, saying, "You have scattered my flock, and have not cared for them. I will revere you for this evil sin. this is what ye and hua said.
- 23:3 I will gather the remnant of my flock from the nations to which I have rushed them, and bring them back to their circle, and they will be fostered in multitude.
- 23:4 And We will appoint shepherds to take care of them, and to shepherd them. they are no longer afraid, no longer frightened, and not missing one. this is what ye and hua said. 23:5

And Yahweh said, The day is coming when I will raise up a righteous seed to David who will reign over kingship, and act wisely and justly in the land.

- 23:6 In his day Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell in safety. and his name shall be called the righteousness of the Lord and the Lord.
- 23:7 Yahweh said, "The day is coming when no one will swear by Yahweh, who led the Israel from the land of Egypt to live forever."
- 23:8 but swear by the seed who led the house of Israel from the north and from all the nations to which they were driven to eternal life. They must live in their own country.
- 23:9 My heart is grieved in me and my bones tremble when I speak of the prophets. For Yahweh and his Word, I am like a drunkard, like a man overcome by wine.
- 23:10 The earth was full of adulterers; because of the curse of gambling, the earth mourns, and the pastures of the wilderness wither. Their ways are evil, and their courage is wrong.
- 23:11 Even the prophets and the priests are blasphemous, even in my house I see their wickedness. this is what ye and hua said .
- 23:12 Therefore their way will be like a slippery ground in darkness, and they will be pursued and fall in the way, for in the year of recovery I will bring evil upon them. this is what ye and hua said.
- 23:13 I saw fools among the prophets of Samaria who prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel astray.
- 23:14 And I saw among the prophets in Jerusalem abominations that they committed adultery and did falsehood. and the hand of the wicked has been hardened, so that no one turns away from his wickedness, and they are like Sodom before me, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah.
- 23:15 So Jehohua of hosts said thus about the prophets, I will give them the silk to pour and the bitter gall to drink, for blasphemy is the prophet of Jerusalem. Everywhere .
- 23:16 Thus saith Jehohua of the host, These prophets prophesied unto you, and do not listen to them. They teach you in emptiness that the strange phenomena they speak of are from their own hearts, not from the mouth of Yahweh.
- 23:17 And they have always said to those who despise me, Yahweh said, Peace will be upon you; And to all those who walk according to their stubborn hearts, No evil will come upon you.
- 23:18 Who is standing in the congregation of Jehohua to hear and understand his words? Who will pay attention to what he has to say .
- 23:19 Behold, the wrath of Yahweh is like a tempest, which has gone out; It is a whirlwind of violent, and it will turn upon the head of the wicked.

- 23:20 And the anger of Yahweh will not turn away until it is done in his heart, and you will be completely clear in the last days.
- 23:21 I did not send the prophets, but they ran on their own, I did not speak to them, but they prophesied.
- 23:22 If they stand in my congregation, they will make my people listen to my words and turn them away from their evil ways and from their wickedness. 23:23 And Jehohua said to them, Am I not a god near off, or a god far off?
- 23:24 And Jehohua said, How can a man hide himself in a secret place, so that I may not see him? yes and hua said, I am not full of heaven and earth.
- 23:25 I have heard the prophets say false prophecies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.
- 23:26 How long will a prophet who prophesies falsely prophesy be prophets who prophecy in their own right?
- 23:27 And each of them told his neighbour the dream that he might make my people forget my name, just as their father Imbaal forgot my name.
- 23:28 And the prophet who had the dream could tell the dream; Whoever speaks of me can speak my words honestly . how can chaff be compared with wheat ? this is what ye and hua said .
- 23:29 And Yahweh said, Are not my words like fire and like a sledgehammer that breaks a rock?
- 23:30 And Jehoah said, The prophets have stolen my words from their neighbors, and therefore I will be against them.
- 23:31 And Jehohua said, The prophets said with their tongues, that yes and Hohwa had spoken; I will oppose them.
- 23:32 And Jehohua said, I will go against those who prophesied dreams and told them dreams, and who led my people astray by lies and boasting. nor did they command them, and they did no good with the people . this is what ye and hua said .
- 23:33 And if the people, the prophets, or the priests, and ask thee, What hath any inspiration hath hath had, and thou shalt say unto them, What hath it been inspired, Ah, Jehovah, and ye Hohwa say, I will forsake you.
- 23:34 Whether it be a prophet, or a priest, or a people, whether it be the inspiration of Yahweh, I will punish him, and his house.
- 23:35 Thus shall ye say to your neighbor and to every man to your brother, What will Yahovah answer and what Yahovah will say?
- 23:36 The inspiration of Yahweh gives you no more to say it, and every man will be a burden for himself in what he says. For you have falsely used the words of Yahweh, the living God of hosts, and the words of our God.

23:37 Thus shall ye say to the prophet, What shall Yahovah say to you, and what Jehovah has said?

23:38 And if you say the inspiration of Yahweh, so will Yahweh say, Because you have spoken this word of Jehovah's inspiration, I have sent men to you to tell you not to speak of the inspiration of Jehovah.

23:39 So I will forget you completely, and I will forsake you and the cities that I have given you and your fathers.

23:40 And an everlasting reproach and an enduring reproach will come upon you, and you will not be able to forget.

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Here are some of the key verses from Jeremiah 23 and their explanations:

- 1. "Woe to the pastors who spread misinformation and lead my people astray! And ye have destroyed my flock, and have scattered them, saith the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:1) This verse blames the Jewish leaders and pastors of their time for not faithfully fulfilling their responsibilities to God and God's people, but instead confusing the people and leading them spiritually to depravity. This verse is also a reminder that leaders in the church and society must serve God and the people with due diligence to ensure that they are not spiritually and morally misled.
- 2. "The days are coming, saith the LORD, and I will raise up a righteous seed, who will reign over the earth with justice and righteousness." (Jeremiah 23:5) This is a prophecy about the Messiah. This righteous Seed refers to Jesus Christ, who came to earth to be the Savior of the world and to guide mankind in His righteous ways. This scripture is also a reminder that God is always at work, even when we can't see or feel it, and His plan is progressing.
- 3. "And the LORD said, Shall I be near, and not far off? Can a man hide in the shadows, that I may not see him? And the LORD said, I have filled the heavens and the earth, and how can

I not see? (Jeremiah 23:23-24) This verse reminds us that God is everywhere and knows everything, whether it is our faith in Him

Yang is also our behavior towards other people. We cannot escape His judgment and surveillance, and His righteousness will surely manifest.

4. "The Lord said that when the prophets and priests asked about the future, they said, 'What is the prophecy of the Lord?' What are you going to say about this prophecy? (Jeremiah 23:33) This verse is a warning to false prophets and priests who are not really listening to God's Word and keeping His will, but are speaking their own words. This verse is also a reminder that we must be wary of those who may try to confuse us, as well as to make sure we only listen to God's Word.

Jeremiah 23 focuses on Israel's pastors and prophets, especially those who acted unjustly, hypocritically, and deceived the people. This chapter emphasizes God's requirements for true shepherds and prophets and reveals God's requirements for true pastors and prophets

Hypocritical and hypocritical warnings. Here are a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

True Shepherds: In Jeremiah 23, God condemns shepherds who behave unjustly and are selfish. God requires shepherds to love, care, guide, and protect the flock, not for their own personal gain. This shows God's just and just requirements for pastors, God's concern for the well-being of his people, and the demands of leaders to serve them with loyalty and dedication.

Hypocritical prophets: In Jeremiah 23, God also condemns those who claim to be prophets but deceive the people by false prophecy. These false prophets distort the truth, proclaim false information, and lead the people to go astray. God warned these false prophets that they would be judged by Him.

God is the sole shepherd: In Jeremiah 23, God declares Himself to be the sole shepherd of Israel, caring for the needs of his people and guiding and protecting them. God's faithfulness and mercy transcend human comprehension, and He is a truly faithful shepherd.

Eschatological promises: In Jeremiah 23, God's promise to the end times is also mentioned that God will raise up a righteous seed, a descendant of David, who will rule the kingdom of righteousness. This foreshadows the coming of Jesus Christ as the King of righteousness.

Overall, Jeremiah 23 emphasizes God's requirements for true pastors and prophets to serve their people with sincerity and righteousness. The central idea of theology is to emphasize God's righteous standards for pastors and prophets and to warn those who behave unjustly, hypocritically, and deceitfully. God is the only truly faithful shepherd who cares about the needs of his people and guides them. Jeremiah 23 also foreshadows the promise of Jesus Christ as the Savior and righteous King of the last days.