

**Introduction / Review**

**I. A Warning Against False Prophets Given**

**A. Not a Suggestion...**

1. It is a call to judge with discernment...
2. It is a continuous activity...

**B. A True Prophet is... see Romans 10:14ff**

1. Sent by God...
2. Speaks the Word of God... *I Corinthians 3:5-7*
3. Brings the good news of salvation...
4. The chief prophet is Jesus Christ... *Hebrews 1:1-2...*

**Observation:** Christ speaks in faithful preaching... *Ephesians 4:11-21*

**C. A False Prophet is...**

1. Usually self-appointed...
2. Always deceptive... "...coming to you..."
3. Dangerous... "...ravenous wolves..."
4. Destructive...
5. Present among God's people *Jeremiah 5:30-31; Ezekiel 22:25; II Timothy 3:6; II Peter 2:1, 3; Jude 4; Acts 20:29-30; I John 4:1*

**Observations:**

1. They continue to trouble the church in all ages...
2. So many "professing Christians" are uncaring and undiscerning...
3. This is a very serious matter... *Matthew 24:11-13*

**II. How We May Know Them...**

**A. By Their Fruit...** *Luke 6:45*

**B. By their life and doctrine...**

**C. Jesus is emphasizing their teaching...**

**D. False Teachers will have...**

1. A low view of Scripture...
2. A lop-sided idea of who God is and what He is like... *Hebrews 12:29*
3. A false Gospel... *Galatians 1:6-9*
4. A wide gate and a broadway...

**Application:**