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## No Fear of (Offending) God and False Prophets

Two topics to go over today. First, I want to talk about what it means when people (including Christians), have no real fear of (offending) the Lord. Second, I learned of another false prophet yesterday that I bring to your attention.

## No Fear

People who have no real fear of (offending) the Lord have a big problem, though they don't see it that way. If we go by Scripture alone, we can clearly see that God continually *urges* and *commends* people if they seek to have a solid, growing fear of (offending) the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever. (**Psalm 111:10** NKJV)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments. (Psalm 112:1 NKJV)

Scripture tells us a genuine fear of (offending) the Lord is the *beginning* or *starting* place of true wisdom, knowledge and discernment. Without a healthy fear of (offending) the Lord, these will not be our portion. Only those who cultivate a truly palpable fear of (offending) the Lord will be granted God's wisdom and discernment to understand the holy, as well as strength to live a life that pleases the Lord.

Fear of (offending) the Lord is largely absent within Christendom today. More and more leaders, churches and denominations are adopting the world's ideology, with the excuse that the church needs to be "relevant" for each new generation of people. This often translates to "social justice," by embracing homosexuality, lesbianism, transgenderism, Critical Race Theory and other godless ideologies to avoid being seen as "judgmental." This helps push a thoroughly homogenized artificial ecumenical "unity" within Christendom, as <u>David Cloud points out in his</u> latest article.

The major push is on to unify all religions into one (downplaying authentic Christianity of course). But Christians are not to be "unified" with heathens/non-believers. There is no room for doubt about this as the Bible specifically teaches we need to avoid *fellowship* with darkness (Matthew 12:30; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 6:14; James 4:4-5, etc.).

This push toward ecumenical unity is anothema to God and the same error that plagued Israel for generations. Yet it is clearly prophesied that this is exactly what is to occur in these last days. This push for "unity" among all religions is opposition to God and establishes the final, one-world religion of Satan's Babylon.

Because so many are willing to do unify with darkness, they clearly have no real fear of (offending) God in these things. How can the Bible command authentic Christians to separate from the world, yet leaders within Christendom now teach that God wants us to stop "judging" others in spite of any major doctrinal or biblical differences we might have with them? Groups

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like Promise Keepers have been teaching and pushing an ecumenical unity for years. Many others have jumped on that bandwagon.

Having a true fear of (offending) the Lord will keep us from unholy alliances. People without this fear live according to their *feelings*. They resist biblical mandates because those *feel* "harsh" and "judgmental." Therefore, they assume that this is not what the Bible really means. They prefer to focus on statements like, "*Judge not, lest ye be judged*" (Matthew 7:1). However, Jesus appears to be talking about not judging another person's *motives*. The same Jesus who said to "not judge" also said that we should learn to make *correct* judgments (John 7:24). So which is it; *not* judge or judge *rightly?* It's actually *both*. We are not to judge what we think a person's motivation is for something because we cannot see that person's heart. However, we *are* to judge the actual words or actions against Scripture.

A true, growing fear of (offending) the Lord *produces* discernment, allowing us to judge whether or not what people say or do is *biblically* correct. It is that simple, yet often misinterpreted. Because of this, too many Christians today are exactly like the Laodicean Christians of the first century. Not only did they not correctly judge words and actions, but they ended up welcoming or putting up with many errors taught by false prophets because they did not fear (offending) the Lord enough, which left them without discernment on issues related to doctrine and truth.

## **Olivet Discourse**

In the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21), Jesus tells us about the last days and what they will be like. In verse 3, Jesus begins speaking about the signs of the end of *this* age, which began with His first coming and concludes with His second coming.

In verses 3-14, Jesus paints a terrible picture of what the end days will be like. Wars, rumors of wars, pestilence, and earthquakes are signs of the *beginning* of these last of the last portion of the days leading up to the start of the Tribulation.

Then Jesus talks about how much hatred there will be on the earth and how the world will turn against authentic Christians as the Tribulation begins (after the Rapture, many will become believers and have to deal with this terror). In verse 11, Jesus talks about false prophets who come onto the scene for one purpose - to *deceive* as many people as possible. Jesus also notes that due to the major increase of lawlessness throughout the world, love will grow cold. People simply won't care as they turn blind eyes to those in need. This callousness is currently growing throughout society. Under the guise of keeping us safe, because of CV-19, thousands of people have died from things other than CV because they were *not* able to get medical help for their condition that had nothing to do with CV-19. Those deaths, like abortions, do not matter apparently. Only those suffering from CV-19 matter.

## **False Prophets?**

The false prophets Jesus mentions are here now. I just came across another person yesterday, named Mike, who at first seemed to be genuine. I listened to his <u>15-minute video</u> where he made several claims related to CV-19 vax. He said the vax was rolled out initially with about 20% of the people getting the real thing, while 80% received saline. He said over time, this 20% will be increased with successive booster shots until most or all of those who received the saline vax will

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receive the real thing. Since most who received a saline version and experienced no negative symptoms, they will without hesitation go back for all boosters, getting the real thing, ultimately resulting in forms of prion disease (like Mad Cow) over the next 3-5 years. Sounds plausible and a brilliant way to do it, if that's what they did.

But *where* did Mike get his facts since he offered no documentation? I began researching him and <u>his website</u> states he is part of what he calls "God's Army." He said a guy he calls "Prophet Andrew" (this <u>guy here</u>?), invited him into this army. His belief is that God is raising up Christian warriors to literally fight Satan during the coming Tribulation. He also said the CV vax *is* the "mark of the beast." Ironically, his website is titled, "Seeking Discernment."

I quickly realized this guy was part of New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), with his belief in modern-day prophets. He also believes God has allowed Satan to rewrite the book of Revelation and any Christian who takes the CV-19 vax is compromising their salvation.

So Mike believes salvation can be *lost*, that prophets exist *today*, that God is raising up human beings to fight the most powerful created spiritual being that we know of; Satan (in spite of Scripture telling us Jesus will destroy Satan and his works upon His return; **2 Thessalonians 2:8**; **Revelation 19:11-16**). Should I believe the Bible or what Mike says? Mike says he has been "gifted" by the Holy Spirit, something he believes allows him to "hear" from God regularly.

These people routinely go *beyond* the Bible, *adding* to it, which God warns about. That fact should make Christians mark and avoid people like Mike and Prophet Andrew. Yet, they don't and won't because they will feel special if they are actually *chosen* into the organization that Mike belongs to. He's not told us what this organization is beyond calling it "God's Army." Apparently, the bigger, parent organization is based in Europe and the main guy who runs it has *millions* of dollars and looks like Santa Claus. He's also allegedly buying homes throughout the USA for Christians to live in, placing them throughout the country so that they are in a good position to fight against Satan during the Tribulation. This whole thing is nuts. Obviously, Mike does not believe that Christians will be raptured out of here at the precise time of God's choosing, *prior* to the Tribulation nor does he believe the written Word.

False prophets abound. It is due to a sordid interest in signs and wonders. People gravitate toward these because they want "more" of God through *experience*. God says a growing fear of (offending) God is how we come to know God, not via emotionally-charged experiences that more often than not go against the clear teachings of Scripture and deceive.

Friends, let us cleave to His Word so that we are not taken in by the lies of the enemy. Fear (offending) God. That is the very starting place for wisdom, knowledge and understanding.