

Building Zion Series
Be Careful How You Build: Beware of False Teachers
Isaiah 56:9-57:13

- I. General Characteristics of False Teachers (56:9-12)
 - A. They lack true insight and knowledge
 - B. They are incapable/unwilling to proclaim the warning of danger
 - C. They rest peacefully in their fantasy
 - D. They are often motivated by greed
 - E. They do not lead the flock to safety
 - F. They think that the “blessing” of today will continue to tomorrow
- II. The General Effects of False Teachers on God’s People (57:1-2)
 - A. The righteous man and his life go unnoticed
 - B. Death becomes an even greater blessing during the time of severe false teaching
 - C. The righteous have true and lasting peace, in spite of the prevalence of false teaching
- III. The General Effects of False Teachers on False Professors (57:3-13a)
 - A. They “offspring” produced (false professors) are rebellious
 - B. They are open to all kinds of immorality, often as associated with public displays
 - C. They are open to all kinds of “religious” activity, and pride themselves on their “open-mindedness”
 - D. They are willing to make extreme and severe sacrifices (in this case, their children to Molech)
 - E. They seek political influence and protection, and are willing to strive diligently to secure it

- F. They ignore the truth of God, even though He is not silent
 - G. At the end, they will call out for all that is false to deliver them, but it will not be able
- IV. True Hope (57:13b)
 - A. There will be those who take refuge in the Lord
 - B. Their benefit
 - 1. Inheritance
 - 2. The Holy mountain