

Beware (*Some Will Try To Lead You Astray*)

Purpose: To warn that our enemy will try everything to turn our hearts from serving God and to encourage the listeners not to consent to or listen to anyone that will attempt to do so.

Has anyone ever given come to you with what seemed to be some type of prophecy or word from God? Have you ever had someone share with you a dream that they had about you? How do you know if the prophecy is really from God? What if the thing comes to pass? Beware, because there are some who will try to take you away from serving God.

Hear what Moses told the children of Israel concerning this:

Deu 13:1 - "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

Deu 13:2 - and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'—which you have not known—'and let us serve them,'

Deu 13:3 - you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deu 13:4 - You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

Deu 13:5 - But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

Even if it comes to pass, if it does not glorify Jesus do not listen to them:

1Co 12:1 - Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1Co 12:2 - You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

1Co 12:3 - Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

The goal of our enemy is to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. This can even come from your close relatives and friends:

Deu 13:6 - "If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers,

Deu 13:7 - of the gods of the people which *are* all around you, near to you or far off from you, from *one* end of the earth to the *other* end of the earth,

Deu 13:8 - you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him;

Deu 13:9 - but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

Deu 13:10 - And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Deu 13:11 - So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

They will secretly entice you! Don't consent to them, listen to them or pity them. Enticement may even come from your own community, and even some "churches" may try to encourage you to go away from the truth:

Deu 13:12 - "If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to dwell in, saying,

Deu 13:13 - 'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" '—which you have not known—

Deu 13:14 - then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And *if it is* indeed true *and* certain *that* such an abomination was committed among you,

Deu 13:15 - you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock—with the edge of the sword.

Deu 13:16 - And you shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for the LORD your God. It shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again.

Deu 13:17 - So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers,

Deu 13:18 - because you have listened to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do *what is* right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

So, beware! Our enemy will do anything to turn your heart away from walking with the Lord, including:

- Sending false prophets who claim to speak on God's behalf
- Sending dreamer of dreams who claim that God spoke a word in the night
- Signs and wonders that seem to come to pass
- Relatives (even a brother, sister, wife or husband) who will try to turn you away from serving God
- Some in other areas (other churches) who cease following the truth and encourage you to do the same.
- Don't consent to them or listen to them.