

SERMON GUIDE

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”

Matthew 7:15-20

KINGDOM SAFETY IS FOUND IN HEARING AND HEEDING THE KING.

OUTLINE

Kingdom safety is available when I remember . . .

1. Kingdom danger is definite (v. 15a).
2. Kingdom danger is deception (v. 15).
3. Kingdom danger is destructive (v. 15b).
4. Kingdom danger is discernible (vv. 16-20).
5. Kingdom danger is doomed (v. 19).

REFLECT

1. Read Galatians 1:6-10 and consider what those verses say about who is capable of deceiving you and how that should impact your alertness.
2. Spend time thinking of your what your preparation to be able to discern false teaching looks like.
3. Because God’s Word gives us what we need to know to be discernible, are you spending time there?

PRAY

1. Pray for the deacons that were installed this week, that their strength and dependence would be from the Holy Spirit as they serve and care for our church.
2. Pray that God would show you who in your life needs to be warned of impending doom and that He would give you the opportunity to give warning.
3. Ask God to give you, through His Spirit, a desire to spend time in His Word. Confess sin, repent, and ask God to show you all He would have for you through your time with Him.

DISCUSS

1. What is your hope for kingdom safety resting in? How does that heighten the sense of your need for God’s Word?
 2. Which of the false gospel teachings of today are you most likely to let creep in to your life, and why?
 3. How seriously do you take the warning that Jesus gives. What impact does that warning have on your life?
 4. Where have you seen fruit being produced that presents itself as good, and how does that affect our awareness for those things?
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