

Series: *Sermon on the Mount*, # 18

By Their Fruit

**Matthew 7:15-23**

The Bible warns us about the danger of false prophets, those attempting to detour people who are trying to follow God. Examples:

Old Testament > Deut. 13, Ezekiel 22, Jeremiah 23, Zeph. 3

New Testament > Matt. 24, Acts 11 & 21, 1 Cor. 12 & 14, 2 Peter 2, 1 John 4

Thus we know that those who listened to Jesus teach on the mountainside, were not hearing a new idea; they already understood that the divine kingdom was a place of spiritual battle.

Lessons we take from this passage:

- 1) Do not be careless about \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 15
- 2) Don't be convinced purely on \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 15-16
- 3) Examine \_\_\_\_\_ to reach your conclusions vs. 16-18
- 4) Discernment likely requires \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 19
- 5) To recognize does not mean to \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 20
- 6) The proof of discipleship is \_\_\_\_\_, not words vs. 21-23

Criteria for recognizing false teachers today:

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