

Prophet's Column

"Marks Of A False Prophet"

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The third mark of a false prophet I call your attention to is that he is a stranger to repentance, or he preaches that repentance is not for us today. "I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3, 5). Now, how in the world could a preacher stand before his congregation and tell his folks that repentance is not for us today? He is called of the Devil. A great preacher I heard over the radio from Kentucky was preaching that repentance is not for us today. A man can be wrong on some doctrines and be saved, but he cannot be wrong on repentance and be saved! You cannot be wrong on how God saves a sinner and be saved! Now you can go on making fun all you want to, God is keeping a book on all your mocking the truth. And the very time and place you turned the truth down, you'll remember it in box-car letters. Every soul who turns the truth down can take you back to the very place where they turned the truth down. And every soul who made the decision; "I must get to Christ," can take you back to the very place their mind was made up to follow on to know the Lord. That decision didn't save them, but the grace of God in them enabled them to long after Christ until they were brought by the Holy Spirit to know Him as their Lord and their Saviour. How can you turn away from a message telling how God saves poor soul hungering after Christ and you claim to be saved? My friend, you are in a most tragical and blinded state. And you will receive a hotter place in Hell than the blind souls you lead because you hindered their entering into the Kingdom. May the God of all mercy have mercy on your poor, blinded soul.

I may pick up a book or message by some preachers who lived hundreds of years ago, after reading it just a little I recognize he was a true servant of the Lord, telling how God saves lost sinners, that's how the Lord saved me is my reply. How could I turn away from that message that is true to the Word of God? I cannot. And for the life of me I can't understand how you can turn away from these messages or the messages of my late pastor. You don't know the Christ we are setting forth. You couldn't turn away from them if you knew my Lord. You don't know nor have you ever dreamed of the preciousness of Christ. I asked an elderly woman just recently if she knew the Lord. She was surprised at the questions. She never was challenged before. But she doesn't know what it means to be a lost sinner. What a tragical state to be in. Deceived and on the road to Hell in the evening time of life. You young people, what about you? Do you want to know the Lord? Do you? I talked to a young woman several weeks ago there in a home. The more I talked to her the redder her face became. And since that time she has been running deeper and deeper in the world trying to drown out all guilt complex. Don't! Don't go on in your rebellion. The way you are going means Hell!

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false prophet I call your attention to is that the preacher preaches like all his members are saved and he will not question their salvation. He does that because he has no assurance of his own salvation. When I was teaching the Bible class years ago, I wouldn't question the salvation of others because I had no assurance of my own salvation. A false prophet will get angry with a true prophet who calls his members in question about their salvation. You don't want your members disturbed. If you admit they are lost, you are going to have to admit you are lost, too. The Gospel preached under the power of the Holy Spirit makes men take sides, quickly. And right here in this state men are taking sides, quickly, almost everyone against the truth, especially in the ministry. Well, if you are saved, as you say you are, why are you getting angry with the messages? Why do you kick the messages out of your church if you are saved? The way of grace is set forth in every one of the late pastor's messages. But you have said that you don't understand them and you are not going to have this doctrine in your church. You've made your decision and your decision is final. When God

withdraws His servants from you, you are reprobated. There are five classes of preachers: 1) pastor called, 2) evangelist called, 3) family called, 4) alter called, and 5) God called. I never heard the truth preached until I heard my late pastor, L. R. Shelton, preach. The Devil has far more preachers out there in these last days than the Lord. Just before the flood the true ministers of God had dropped to just one. And that was Noah. Had you ever thought about it like that? We are living in the last days just before the coming of the Lord and the number of true prophets has dwindled to just a few. Are you one of them? I am. My late pastor used to preach that 95 percent of our church members, including preachers, are lost. When Bishop Bennett came to see me sometime ago I called that statement to his attention and replied; "One hundred percent of them are lost." And I'll repeat something I've said before; "When a man turns the truth down, it's for one of two reasons, the love of money or the love of lust." Two preachers here turned the truth down, in one case it was the love of money. Now you think on that. Do you know the Lord? Do you? You can't fight the truth if you know my blessed Lord. Your state is most tragical.

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