

6/16/24

Sermon – Be of Noble Character

Scripture – ACTS 17:11, Exodus 20:7, Ezekiel 13

Main Message – Beware the wolf in sheep's clothing, the false prophet, the lies that come from those who do not follow the Word of God.

This is a reminder that each of you carry a burden to rightly divide the word of God. You can listen to me, your favorite tele-evangelist, your favorite YouTube channel, or just the random guy across the street, but the burden of knowing the truth must lie with you – the individual. Don't get me wrong, those who are false are definitely going to feel God's wrath. Those who are deceived by the false ministers of God's word however must also be held accountable. You must take full responsibility for knowledge of the truth. You should test the Spirit of what you are being told. You can't rely on me ever being completely right, but by now I'm guessing most of you are confident that I am not trying to deceive you intentionally, but I can make mistakes. Test the spirit of what is being said. Balance it against God's word.

Read Acts

Now, God really, really, hates those who take his name in vain. That is not just saying a simple swear word, but by taking God's pure and righteous authority and commandeering it for personal gain. *What gives me the right to say that? Am I misrepresenting God and taking His name in vain? I would be if it was not substantiated with scripture.* **READ EX 20:7.** We see that each and every day, but I want to call out today in particular those who are in ministry and push an agenda, lie or speak some other truth other than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those who do so in today's world are ridiculously wealthy, influential of millions, and are leading many astray. By the way, anyone who speaks another Gospel that is not substantiated by the word of God is the spirit of the Antichrist. Beware them. They've been around a long time.

I will read from Ezekiel chapter 13 what this looks like.

Read Ezekiel 13.

You must be of Noble Character. If someone tells you endlessly how wonderful you are, and its only important that you be happy, and that you prosper in this world according to the world's standards, then you should be on hyper-alert status. If someone gives message after message to motivate through half-truths so that you continue funding their lifestyle by saying things that are not true, then run away even faster.

I encourage you to watch other ministers, be aware of what others are saying. You aren't going to hurt my feelings. I am guessing that through no pre-planning of any of us the consistency in the messages between those who are in-tune with God's word and with His Spirit are incredibly similar.

The speak-easy folks are only interested in helping people manage their bank accounts rather than finding the truth and depth of God's love through pure reading of scriptures and their application.