

## **DEUTERONOMY 13: 1-18 THE TRUTH VS. ATTRACTIVE LIES 7/30/2023**

**INTRO:** Secular Archeologist- Egyptology- “ Egypt was great because they felt the spiritual was more important than the material life. We say today, ‘ Get a life,’ They would say ‘Get a spiritual life.’ “

**Question:** That sounds pretty good but something is missing; what is it? What is wrong with the statement?

**Answer:** Is it the truth? Will anything spiritual lead to God and eternal life?

**Ex.** “Losing weight is good for your health; no matter how you do it!” **Is that true?**

(Carnivore Diet/ Fen- Phen Diet)

**All spiritual things are not good just because they are of a spiritual nature. There is spiritual evil. You are not safe just because you are interested in spiritual things.**

**II Corinthians 11:12-15** Very subtle; not so blatantly obvious, so it fools a lot of people.

**Our text today about false prophets is ever more subtle!** What they say may come true as a support for the false teaching they proclaim. They are so bold as to say right up front that we should worship other Gods, (in addition to the one true God/ II KINGS 17:33) and their signs and demonstrations of power should make you want to follow!

\* From the fourth century on we see doctrinally correct statements about Christianity blended together with paganism. Therefore a large following. Particularly later, full- blown Roman Catholicism with its unbiblical rituals and practices.

\* Much of what you see on TBN is this same mysticism, materialism, “power- for – powers sake,” God as a “means- to- an –end” personal lust type teaching.

\* **NEW AGE** – We are really gods and just need to discover it! The power is in us and originates with us. We can make our own reality via consensus and manipulation. We can make our own truth!

Many people will look into the occult for personal power and control over their circumstances and other people, but end up a prisoner to the demonic. They never get off the throne of self and allow the Lord to rule in their hearts and give them freedom.

**TEXT: Deuteronomy 13: 1-18 READ**

**Question:** What is unique here? **13:2**

**Answer:** The prophecy or sign comes true!

**Deuteronomy 18: 20-22** We know about what happens if someone says they are speaking for the Lord and it does not come true.

**13:1-5** Even if it comes true, **is it in accord with the already revealed Word of God?**

That is the ultimate question. Some people think if they can just be noisy, intimidating and violent then their cause is just and right. You cannot bully your way to truth! ANTIFI / WOKE/ BLM/ ABORTION RIGHTS/ SUPPRESSION OF FREE SPEECH/ MEDIA CONTROL

**God has used dreams, visions, signs, wonders through the patriarchs, prophets and apostles, and even a pagan or two.**

**Genesis 20:3** Abimelech, king of Gerar, north of Egypt, who tried to take Sarah for his wife.

**Genesis 31:11 Jacob, Numbers 12: 6 prophets, Joel 2:28**

God used dreams and visions and wonders to bring Israel back into covenant relationship again bases on the already revealed word of God to them!

**Ex. Exodus 7: 10-12** A snake adventure

**Ex. Matthew 24: 21-24** To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

**Ex. II Thessalonians 2: 8-12**

**Ex. Revelation 13:13**

**Question:** How will we know the truth from error in our day?

**Answer:** Follow the word of God only! The word of God; over the repeated lies that become accepted as truth. The word of God must be followed above the spiritual and emotional pressure of the world system; our fleshly desires; or direct satanic attacks.

**THE ACID TEST: I John 2:22-25, 4:1-6, 11 John 1:7-11**

**The written word of God protected Israel; the written word of God protects us!**

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**Question:** Well then, that is a wrap. Surely nothing else could fool us? Right?

**Answer:** No, there is another subtlety to guard against.

Defending the truth, and knowing answers is not enough. You have to have a vital, loving relationship with the Lord every day!

**Revelation 2: 1-7** What else could you have asked of a church!

**I Timothy 1:5**

**II Corinthians 11:3**

Even notice how clear, direct, and powerful our lives are, living in a "fallen" world, when we have "fallen" in love with Jesus?

SONG: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

**II Corinthians 4:1-7**

No religion, cult or sect in the world agrees with  
Biblical Christianity on all four main truths:

BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY:

**The Bible is the inspired, authoritative, inerrant (without mistakes),  
Word of God**

**Christ rose bodily from the grave, conquering death and proving by this  
that He is God**

**God became incarnate (flesh) in the man Jesus Christ**

**Christ atoned for (paid for) our sins through His death on the cross**