

Script: Matthew 7:15-20.

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Text: Mt. 7:15a ... "Beware of false prophets.

Theme: False prophets.

Proposition: Christians must live distinctively good lives as outward signs of their faith, else they are "false prophets."

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Introduction:

1. Recent Matthews article in American Mercury labelling many (7000) Protestant ministers "communist." Protest from clergy & others, including president. Illustrates Scripture theme well. Communism opposed to all Christianity stands for, and such ministers certainly would be "false prophets."

2. Text & summary of circumstances of Scripture:

a. Text (read).

b. Mk. 13:5,6,22 quotes similar words of Christ.

c. Nothing like this in Luke. After Jesus' death (& Luke wrote from earlier experience, probably) that term "false prophets" used for some among Christians. When struggle began between Christians who would convert any and those who would first have converts made Jews, term was applied to latter

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d. Consensus of judgment of early church that form & legalistic ritual not necessary to become Christian in heart.

e. "False prophets" was label of those who loudly profess Christianity, but whose lives are out of harmony with it

f. As a wolf might try to hide in sheepskin in order to sneak up on a sheep to eat it, so such false prophets are among the Christian fellowship, destroying it by their falseness

3. Chief lesson taught:

a. Only by their distinctive lives can Christians, among fellows-or to world, be known.

b. Comparing their faith to a tree and their acts to fruit is Jesus' way of pointing difference between false prophets and sincere Christians.

c. Task here is to consider sincere Christian distinctiveness as opposed to false pro-

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phesy, using our Scripture as a guide.

I. Acts of faith must be the Christian's chief effort, becoming almost his reason for being.

1. Fruit is that for which a tree exerts itself wholly.

2. If for some reason tree regularly fails to bear fruit, it is destroyed (v.19).

3. So a Christian must exert self fully and constantly to do God's work. Failure to try to do God's work is obvious to self & others, and ~~ixxx~~ results in destruction of faith.

II. Acts of faith, a distinctive life, that for which Christian is known.

1. Many different kinds of fruit trees.

a. Peach, apple, pecan, orange all useful & edible fruits.

b. Also ones like mimosa, blackjack oak, persimmon & hemlock.

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(1) Mimosa, though beautiful, can spread rapidly, ruin land, and mess up yard and street.

(2) Blackjack, though sometimes helping hold land from corrosion, does not grow to lumber size, and acorn not edible.

(3) Persimmon at short stage produces edible fruit & useful wood (in pipes or golf clubs), but not for long (fruit) or in large amount (wood).

(4) Hemlock may produce lumber, but it is also a poison if fruit juice is drunk.

2. Christian must produce good fruit, as 1st class above.

3. Yet, variety is allowed. Need not all be alike in conversion, worship, growth, acts of kindness, so long as fruits of life are consistently Christian in spirit and useful.

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4: A sound faith will always bear good fruit in consistent action (v.17-18).

III. Acts of Christian faith are attractive.

1. Good apple or peach is pretty to see. Even if one does not benefit by it, may be attracted to admire it (v. 16b).

2. Christian fruit in living is likewise beautiful, attractive, inspiring, desirable.

3. Turkish Christian asked to explain John's gospel. Then to let to sign statement that he endorses gospel's views & would be responsible for them, for they are so timely that someone must be responsible for them today.

4. Christianity does produce its own attractiveness in him who is willing to live it.

IV. Maturing and ripening in acts of Christian faith are gradual processes.

1. Fruit takes time to mature

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and ripen. Rainfall, drought, storms, fair weather, affect it.

2. Higher reaches of character ~~effects~~ attained only by long patience and resolute perseverance through all of life.

3. Where fruit becomes wormy, diseased or rots before ripening, it drops off tree or is cast off. Sometimes a disease starting in fruit kills the tree.

4. Failure to produce Christian acts, to let Christ change your life and make it different, can and often does kill the tree of Christian faith, or indicate it was never there. Such neglect to live distinctively brands a person a "false prophet."

Conclusion: Christians must live distinctively good lives as outward signs of their faith, else they are "false prophets."

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