



ONE AWESOME SERMON:
AN UNSAVORY SURPRISE

Matthew 7:15-23

VS. 15

False prophets: “Inwardly they are ferocious wolves”

Diligence in study Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15

A warning to all who leave their minds unguarded,
saying, “It’s not going to hurt me.”

Phil. 4:7-8 “The peace of God...will guard your hearts
and minds...think on these things”

Rom. 12:2 “be transformed by the renewing of your
mind...”

CHECK THEIR FRUIT VS. 16-18

Good trees yield good fruit. Period. No claims to 50 years of dormancy

Good trees CANNOT yield bad fruit. If your life is bearing bad fruit, you'd better check your legitimacy. Check your soil. Check for disease. (Similar to Jesus' instruction that it is out of the overflow of the heart that the mouth speaks. Matt. 12:33-34)



VSS. 19-20

The bad trees (those not bearing good fruit) are thrown into the fire (face judgment).



VSS. 21-23

“Not everyone who says, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom, but only he who does the will of My Father”

Once again, fruit

Note: God is not fooled by churchy words

Also note: Calling Him ‘Lord’ doesn’t mean He is my Lord. Submission to His lordship makes Him your Lord

There will be a lot of surprised people on that Day.

“We implore you on Christ’s behalf: be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As God fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For He says, ‘In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. I tell you, NOW is the time of God’s favor, NOW is the day of salvation.

2 Cor. 5:20 – 6:2



JOHN MACARTHUR:
THINGS THAT NEITHER PROVE
NOR DISPROVE ONE'S FAITH

Visible morality Matt. 19:16-21; 23:27

Intellectual knowledge Rom. 1:21; 2:17ff

Religious involvement Matt. 25:1-10



Active ministry Matt. 7:21-24

Conviction of sin Acts 24:25

Assurance Matt. 23

Time of decision Luke 8:13-14

FRUIT/PROOFS OF AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY

Love for God Ps. 42:1ff; 73:25; Luke 10:27; Rom. 8:7

Repentance from sin Ps. 32:5; Prov. 28:13;
Rom. 7:14ff; 2 Cor. 7:10; 1 John 1:8-10

Genuine humility Ps. 51:17; Matt. 5:1-12; Jam. 4:6, 9ff

Devotion to God's glory Ps. 105:3; 115:1; Isa. 43:7;
Isa. 48:10ff; Jer. 9:23-24; 1 Cor. 10:31

Continual prayer Luke 18:1; Eph. 6:18ff; Phil. 4:6ff;
1 Tim. 2:1-4; James 5:16-18

Selfless love 1 John 2:9ff; 3:14; 4:7ff



Separation from the 'world' 1 Cor. 2:12; James 4:4ff;
1 John 2:15-17; 5:5

Spiritual growth Luke 8:15; John 15:1-6; Eph. 4:12-16

Obedient living Matt. 7:21; John 15:14ff; Rom. 16:26;
1 Pet. 1:2, 22; 1 John 2:3-5



MacArthur notes,

“If List 1 is true of a person and List 2 is false, there is cause to question the validity of one’s profession of faith.

Yet if List 2 is true, then the top list will be also.