

## “PREACHING II”

There are terms, the New Testament uses, to describe preachers who are not acceptable in the eyes of God. Those whom the Lord is not pleased with and have no fellowship with him. In I Jno. 1:6 we have such a statement, **concerning fellowship**: *“6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth,”* I Jno. 1:6. In the great chapter of Jno. 10, where the Lord is pictured as **“the door,”** and **“the good shepherd,”** one will find this statement: *“12 He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, behold the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth them,”* Jno. 10:12. From this we learn those who care not for the sheep is a **“HIRELING.”** The false-teacher and the “hireling,” are men who have **no** fellowship with God.

One does not have to read extensively in the word of God, until he finds other terms used for those who stand not for truth. *“15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves,”* Matt. 7:15. These **false teachers** present themselves as “sheep;” yet, are really pictured as **“ravening wolves.”** Paul, in the book of Galatians has some what to say about some of these men: *“6 I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; 7 which is not another gospel: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ,”* Gal. 1:6-7. From this text we learn there are those who change, alter the true Gospel. Would I be wrong to state they are **“PERVERTERS,”** changers of the gospel of Christ? The apostle Peter said, *“16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction,”* II Pet. 3:16. What these fellows do is **“unto their own destruction.”**

The question then arises, How can we know who does **not have fellowship with God?** How can we know **who is a “false teacher?”** How can we know **who is a “hireling?”** How can we know **who is a “wolf?”** How can we know **who is “changing” the gospel of Christ?** Well, the Bible teaches we are to be **“fruit inspectors!”** Jesus taught this in Matt. 7:16, *“16 By their fruits ye shall know them.”* I can look at the teaching of these people and determine if they are **true teachers, or false teachers.** *“17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire,”* Matt. 7:17-18. This is like the Pharisees and the Sadducees: *“6 And Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees,”* Matt. 16:6. Matthew then explained what he meant in v. 12 of the same chapter: *“12 Then understood they that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees,”* Matt. 16:12.

Our mission then is to not be involved with them in the teaching of error; but rather, **reprove them.** *“10 proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord; 11 and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them,”* Eph. 5:10-11. We use the word of God to oppose the false teachings of those who are wrong – yes even those of my brethren, who are teaching error. Caa ...

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