

Valley Bible Church
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Beware of False Prophets
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What we need to know:

1. Who are they?

A true prophet is one divinely inspired of God to put forth His Word, **Exodus 7**.

False prophets represent themselves as having received a message from God when they have not and in fact do not know God. **2 Peter 2**: False prophets have passed off the scene and false teachers continue their lies.

2. Why are they so dangerous?

They lead those who listen to believe they are on the narrow path when they are not.

They are not obvious in “sheep's clothing.” They appear as part of the flock. Don't believe what you are hearing just because someone is saying it to you.

3. And how can we detect them?

You will know them by their fruits.

The visible manifestation of the power that is working within them. A good tree produces good fruit just as a bad tree produces bad fruit.

The power within will bear itself to the outside. To recognize a counterfeit you first must know the real thing.