

## **False Spiritual Leaders, Part 3**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 23.
- B. The threat of false religion is the greatest threat.

### II. Seven curses against false teachers. (Luke 20)

- A. The seriousness of the accusations can be seen by the terms Jesus uses.
  - 1. Woe: there is pain involved in this judgment showing God's pity.
  - 2. Hypocrite: this refers to a man who is a deceiver.
- B. When Jesus says "woe" He is stating a fact--the false teachers are cursed.
- C. False religion kicks people out of the kingdom. (Romans 2, Matthew 3)
- D. A battle must be fought for a clear articulation of the truth.
- E. False teachers work for hell.
  - 1. They keep people from being saved. (I Thessalonians 2:15)
  - 2. They pervert the truth.
- F. The convert of a cult becomes a son of hell. (Acts 13:15, 17:4-17, II Chronicles 28, 7:31, II Kings 23:10)
- G. If one is a Christian, he ought to be thankful that someone shared the truth with him along the way.
- H. If one is a Christian, he is a kingdom door opener.

### **Application questions:**

1. How should a Christian respond when he or she hears someone speaking false truth?

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2. What does the word "woe" tell us about God's attitude toward false teachers?

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3. How can we be better kingdom door openers? Explain.

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