

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

10 January 2021

Texts: Matthew 7:15-20; Luke 6:43-49

Subject: "By their fruits you will know them"

Matthew 7:20

INTRODUCTION

1. The imagery of "fruit"

- a) This was employed by John the Baptist Matthew 3; Luke 3
- b) This was also employed by the Lord Jesus Matthew 7; Luke 6

2. The significance of this imagery

- a) Fruit involves a process
 - i) Sowing
 - ii) Tending
- b) Fruit is a product
 - i) Growth
 - ii) Harvest

THE TEACHINGS OF THE LORD JESUS

1. Summarized by Matthew

- a) Matthew 5-7
- b) The core teachings of the Lord Jesus
- c) Features
 - i) The Core of what the Lord taught Matthew 5
 - ii) Correction of wrong teachings Matthew 6
 - iii) Cultivation of faith and life Matthew 7

2. The problem of false teachers/ false prophets

- a) They are ravenous wolves Matthew 7:15
- b) They come in sheep's clothing Matthew 7:15

FALSE TEACHINGS CONFRONTED BY THE APOSTLES

1. The Apostle Peter

- a) False teachers noted 2 Peter 2:1
- b) Destructive heresies 2 Peter 2:1
- c) They deny the Lord 2 Peter 2:1
- d) Many will heed them 2 Peter 2:2

2. The Apostle Paul

- a) Perilous times 2 Timothy 3:1
- b) Wrong lifestyles 2 Timothy 3:1-7
- c) They will be made manifest 2 Timothy 3:9

3. The Apostle John

- a) The spirit of the Antichrist 1 John 4:3
- b) A worldly spirit 1 John 4:5
- c) A spirit of hate 1 John 4:20

PRACTICAL THINGS WE MUST CONSIDER

- 1. Hearing the sayings of the Lord Matthew 7:24
- 2. Doing what the Lord has taught
- 3. Likened to a wise man building a house upon a rock
- 4. Building on a strong foundation Luke 6:48
 - a) Digging
 - b) Deeply

WORDS OF WARNING TO BE HEDED

- 1. Building on sand

2. Not a strong foundation

3. Great ruin

Luke 6:49; Matthew 7:27