

# **Beware of False Prophets**

Matthew 7:15-20

(series #43)

**Intro:** Satan's love for and involvement in religion  
- Isaiah 14:12-15

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:13-15

**I. The Warning about False Prophets v. 15**

A. They come in sheep's clothing (they look real)

B. They are ravenous wolves (they destroy)

**II. The Recognition of False Prophets vv. 16-18**

A. Identification is not quick nor easy v. 16

B. They are known by their fruits vv. 17-18

1. The fruit of their lifestyle

2. The fruit of their ministries

3. The fruit of their lips

**III. The Damnation of False Prophets v. 19**

- Matthew 3:10

**IV. The Identification of False Prophets v. 20**

- The primary mark of a false prophet is his message

**Conclusion:** the balance with Matthew 7:1