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## **FRUIT OF THE WOLVES**

I once did a survey asking people what they believed the fruit of wolves could be in reference to Matthew chapter 7. Many various answers came in. In fact there were no two alike. Which I have to confess, actually concerned me. Yeshua specifically told us to watch out for these wolves, yet we all have different definitions of what we are to look out for.

This tells us that while we're all looking for the wolves by way of our own definitions (if we're watching for them at all ) we could actually be deceived by them before our very eyes - and not even know it. This very issue screams for us to find out the one true definition of the fruit of wolves that is found in the Scriptures.

Think about this for a minute. Are you able to scripturally discern between a wolf and a shepherd? That may sound like a silly question ... and would be dismissed by most, but have you examined the Scriptures to guide you on this matter?

If wolves are false prophets and leaders, and wolves produce fruit, doesn't it make sense to examine the Scriptures to learn the characteristics of that fruit? It is by their fruit that we are told we are enabled to recognize them according to Matthew 7.

### **Matthew 7:20**

*Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.*

All too often we invent our own definitions to suit our ideas or even our bias of what we have been taught. All the while the definitions have already been clearly established in Scripture. We have all been guilty of this at one time or another. The question is, what do we do about it when we realize Scripture says something completely different than what we believe to be true?

How is it that there can be so many different definitions for the *fruit of wolves*? Why the confusion? Surely we can't all be right. Are you willing to check your definition to the Scriptures? What if you find that your definition is wrong?

In the light of testing everything, we ask that at this moment, to stop this teaching for a few minutes and make a list of what you believe the fruit of wolves actually is. And also what you believe the fruit of wolves is NOT.

***A list of good fruit and a list of bad fruit.***

For these lists, I would encourage you to NOT refer to the Scriptures just yet. Make the lists on what you have believed the fruit to be, up to this point in your life. Seriously, find a pen and paper and begin making YOUR lists of what you believe good fruit and bad fruit is. We will refer to these lists later on in the teaching.

*So, please, hit the pause button and make these lists right now ...*

...OK. Well, I hope you made your lists.

Let's begin breaking the words of Yeshua down just a little and see what we come up with... Here we go...

**Matt. 7:15**

*“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.*

First, Yeshua tells us to watch out for them . So, are you watching? Do you make a conscious effort to watch out for wolves? A normal response is... *“Well, I only listen to my pastor. So I really don’t have to watch.”*

This sounds good. But what.. **IF**.. your pastor doesn’t pass the biblical test and could be identified as a wolf? Then what? Just because your pastor is nice and even loving, does that mean he’s not a wolf in the eyes of Yahweh?

That takes us to the next point from Yeshua...

*Yeshua says next that these wolves actually come in sheep's clothing. So, to the sheep, they do not appear as wolves, but rather as one of their own. This is **huge**. Please... don’t pass over this easily. He said “inwardly” they are ferocious wolves. Seeming to imply that everything on the outside may make them seem as fellow sheep. Let’s face it. No one thinks of their pastor or teacher as a ferocious wolf. But,.. it really doesn’t matter what we think. What matters is what the Scriptures say. I personally struggle with identifying ANYONE who preaches the Bible as a wolf. Let alone a ferocious wolf. Even if their doctrine is off here or there, to imagine them as a ferocious wolf is just so difficult for me. However, that is NOT the case with Yeshua. And if it’s not the case for Yeshua, it really shouldn’t be for us either.*

What He calls a ferocious wolf, ... we should call a ferocious wolf as well.

**Verse 16**

*“By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from*

thistles? “

Here He said we WILL recognize them by their fruit. Think about this for a minute. They may look, act and sound like sheep, BUT... their fruit gives them away. So then, can the fruit be anything to do with what they look, act, or sound like? We must not forget that He said they are ferocious wolves... on the **INSIDE**. *Remember...Matt. 7:15 ... but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.*

**“Inwardly”**

Yet still, ... *no grapes from thorn bushes and no figs from thistles.*

### **Matthew 17**

*“Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”*

OK. Simple enough. A good tree bears good fruit and a bad tree bears bad fruit. No deep theology needed there. But it's verse 18 that really cuts it to the core. It really narrows down the options for us on just what the fruit is ...that we are to be looking for.

### **Matthew 18...**

*“ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.”*

This is **HUGE**.

So whatever you considered to be good fruit, a wolf **CANNOT** have it. Not even a little. And whatever you considered to be bad fruit, a shepherd (or any follower of Yeshua) **CANNOT** have it either. Not even a little. Again, this is **HUGE** and cannot be underscored enough.

Like I said, it really narrows down the options on what we are to be looking for.

Now, look at your lists. **WHATEVER** you have listed as bad fruit, a good tree **CANNOT** have it. A good tree **CAN ONLY** bear good fruit. The question is *“What is the good fruit?”* And **WHATEVER** you have listed as good fruit, a bad tree **CANNOT** have it. A bad tree **ONLY** bears bad fruit. The question is *“What is the bad fruit?”* See how this really narrows our options on just what good and bad fruit can even be?

*Let's read verse 19 ...*

### **Matthew 7:19**

*Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

*Now compare the similarity to John 15:6 ...*

### **John 15:6**

*If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.*

So if someone is not bearing good fruit, they are cut off. Shouldn't it be our due diligence to know

exactly what this fruit is? And that... of what the bad fruit is? Because, if you are not bearing good fruit, you are cut off. Do you know what that fruit is? And now, verse 20 of Matthew chapter 7.

**Matt. 7:20**

Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

And again he says we WILL recognize them. Yet how can we recognize them if we're not on the same page of what to look for? One person says this is their fruit. Another says that is their fruit. What is the fruit that we are to recognize them by?

This is **SO** important, yet so often... overlooked and neglected by most believers today. Yeshua said we are to "watch out" for these individuals. Meaning that they won't be standing out in an obvious way. They will blend in with others. So, ... how are we looking for them? Consider the words of Yeshua as he continues in the next verse ...

**Matt. 7:21-23**

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

It's interesting to note that these individuals **THOUGHT** they were going to enter the kingdom of heaven. Yet to their eternal dismay they are told, *"I never knew you. Away from me."*

What an absolute terrible thing to hear from the one that you called "Savior". The most important part of this verse is the most over looked and yet holds the answer for the previous 8 verses. What is this part?

It's the phrase *"Away from me, you evildoers."* The word "evildoers" is the translation from THIS Greek phrase... *"ergazomenoi ten anomie"*. It actually means *"who work lawlessness"*.

It's those who live outside of God's law. It's those who break God's law with no remorse. It's those who disregard God's law with **NO** intention to return to it. Showing forth what is truly... inside. Thus, while many are looking for external fruit, the fruit is actually the desire to follow and obey the eternal word of Yahweh. His eternal Torah. What many refer to as... *the Law*.

It must be noted that following the law doesn't save you. But it's the desire to pursue it with all your heart that shows where you stand with Him. Remember, It's Jeremiah that tells us what would be in our hearts. It's the Torah.

**Jeremiah 31:33**

“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares (Yahweh) the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

This lets us know what should be in the heart of all His people. And **IF**... it's in our heart, then **IT WILL BE** our desire to pursue. And if it's **NOT** in ones heart then it will be evidenced in their desire to **NOT** pursue it. Verse 18 is the downfall of all other interpretations to the fruit of wolves. If we think about it,

a lot of different fruit can be blended in ones life, pending the interpretation of "fruit". However, let's look at verse 18 one more time.

**Matthew 7:18**

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

Look at the list you made of the good and bad fruit. Can any of these be mixed together in ones life? If so, then they don't qualify for the fruit that Yeshua is talking about. However, one who has a heart that chooses to disregard God's law has NO DESIRE to follow God's law. At the same time, the one who chooses to follow God's law HAS THAT DESIRE to follow God's law, all of it, from their heart and has NO desire to break it. The desire is to obey or disregard. It's one or the other. They CAN'T be mixed.

**1 John 3:9**

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

God's seed. *God's seed is His word.*

**1 Peter 1:23**

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

But what is the biblical definition of sin? ...

**1John 3:4**

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

The fruit we are to watch out for is the choosing to disregard God's law. Everything else can be blended, but there is no blending the choosing to obey and the choosing to disregard God's Law. You either desire to obey it OR you desire to disregard it. It's one or the other. *Simple as that.*

*Let me say that again....*

The fruit that we are to watch out for is the choosing to disregard God's law. Everything else can be blended but there is no blending the desiring to obey and the desiring to disregard God's Law. You either desire to obey it OR you desire to disregard it. It's one or the other in the eyes of the Father. And remember, breaking one law is like breaking all of it.

**James 2:10**

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

**James 2:11**

For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Thus, desiring to *disregard* even one command is desiring to *disregard* all of them.

Did you catch that? Desiring to *disregard* even ONE command is desiring to *disregard* all of them. It must be noted that Matthew chapter 7 is where Yeshua is wrapping up what he started in chapter 5 when he stated ...

### **Matthew 5:17-18**

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Remember though, just because one is proclaiming the law, it doesn't mean they are NOT a wolf. The fruit is what they desire to live. *Not JUST what they teach.* The Pharisee's taught the law. But what did they live?

*Compare...*

### **Luke 20:46**

“Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely.”

These men read from the Torah every Sabbath. But did they live it? No.

### **Matthew 23:1-3**

Then (Yeshua) Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

So be very careful *who* you follow. Beware of such men. They may be good speakers and even have Scripture committed to memory and have a foundation of understanding to the Scriptures. But so did the teachers of the law and the Pharisees. They may have the appearance of “*Godliness*”... But what are they living?

They may be preaching the Torah. But are they walking it? *All of it?* All too often, the warning in the book of James is overlooked....

### **James 3:1**

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

This verse should make every teacher stay humble before the Father. And I'm not talking a false humility displayed before people as a show on a stage. No, I'm talking about a true walk that is lived out everyday that considers others better than themselves...

What does Paul say about men in the end times?

Consider...

## 2 Timothy 3:1-9

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth — men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

This is a pretty big list to pick from. Yet we can't just pass over it. Let's at least go over a few. People will be ....

- 1) **Lovers of themselves.** ... Their words and actions may appear to be selfless, but they are driven by personal motives.
- 2) **Lovers of money** Try to recall... Do they speak often of “needing” money. Even if it's for the “ministry”, money is most often a focal point for them.
- 3) **Boastful and proud** “*look what God is doing through me*”. OR “*look at what God is doing through this ministry - that I lead by the way*” all the while masters of false humility. They may never say these words but their actions shout it from the mountains. They may put their face on banners and posters in or on their buildings, or on materials or their website at every opportunity. All for the intent that your focus on the Father is funneled through them. But when that happens, whether they want to acknowledge it or not, they're actually stealing glory from the Father and putting it on themselves.
- 4) **Abusive** ... This is a trait that is normally hidden in the open. and it normally comes about when they don't get their way or things don't go according to their plan.
- 5) **Disobedient to their parents** ... Sounds comical at first I know, but one who can't show proper respect for their parents, no matter how old the individual may be, shows that they will disrespect almost any authority. In fact, this often happens when THEY want to be the authority and have all others in submission to them.

From the perspective of looking at wolves, what kind of relationship does your pastor have with his parents? Does he demand respect from them? Does he expect them to submit to him? *If so, does he write them off if they do not submit to him?* Does he completely neglect them or does he obey the 5th commandment? We'll come back to this, and explain it a little more, later. These are just the first several.

Notice verse 5 “*having a form of godliness but denying its power*”

**The greek for Power here is dunamin.**

What power is it that their lives deny? It's the willful strength and desire to LIVE the word as a witness



to the world around us.

*Compare....*

### **Acts 1:8**

But you will receive power (du/naming )(dunamin) when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

These men may preach it, but they don't desire to live it to the world around. In so doing, they have a form of Godliness but deny it's power - *dunamin*. And remember, if you just reject one command, your rejecting it all. And this is the fruit that Yeshua talked about. It's where one is either desiring it, or rejecting it. When one rejects it, they are denying the power given through the Spirit that starts with the desire to obey. Being a witness is simply striving to live out that desire.

Understand that striving to reach the goal and not reaching it, is not rejecting it. Rejecting is one who holds no desire whatsoever to obey. Possessing knowledge of it and choosing to reject it. So again, it's all about the desire. The desire to obey is the fruit. And there is no desire for obedience in one who rejects it. Thus, a good tree cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Because the fruit is the desire and your desire shows what you strive for...Be it obedience or rejection of Yahweh's eternal word.

And if someone is rejecting just one, then they are rejecting all in the eyes of Yahweh. No matter how much they may preach or teach others to obey, the fruit they display to the Father... *is rejection*. And these are the ones that Yeshua says to be on the watch for...

### **Matthew 7:15**

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

Where else are we told to watch out for these types of individuals? Consider **THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RETURN OF OUR MESSIAH...**

### **Ezekiel 22:23-28**

And the word of (Yahweh) Jehovah came unto me, saying, son of man, say unto her, Thou art a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in the midst thereof. Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed for them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith (Adonai Yahweh) the Lord Jehovah, when (Yahweh)Jehovah hath not spoken.

There is no doubt that here we see Yahweh's law being broken by ALL leadership. And in this particular passage, it is quite blatant indeed. And they are equated as wolves. Yet, to make matters



worse, they even give false visions and messages declaring them as from Yahweh. *All to deceive God's people - all in His name.*

While looking at such a passage we could say, *“Well, of course they are considered wolves. Look at all they are doing to His law.”* But please don't forget, that rejecting just one of the Father's commands is equated to breaking all of it in the eyes of the Father.

*Consider also...*

### **Zephaniah 3:1-3**

*Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted! To the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in Yahweh; she drew not near to her (Elohim) God. Her princes in the midst of her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they leave nothing till the morrow.*

Again, we see leadership equated to wolves. Following their own ways and not the Fathers. We must remember that there were those who followed their own ways while ignoring the Fathers even at the time of Yeshua. And they were the spiritual leadership - proclaiming Torah but not living it.

*Compare ...*

### **Mark 7:5-13**

*So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked (Yeshua) Jesus, “Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?” He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “‘These people honor me with their lips, but their HEARTS are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Korban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”*

Remember the part about being disobedient to parents that Paul spoke of earlier? Consider here how Yeshua accuses the Pharisee's of allowing one to break the 5th commandment by saying THIS to his parents...

*‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban’.*

Meaning what? The individual has written his parents off. He feels he now owes them nothing. And whatever he HAS done for them he considers it as a gift to God.

*And again, it says...*

### **Mark 7:10-13**

*For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. THUS you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."*

So what is Yeshua saying? Anyone who's parents are alive and yet they have, in essence, written them off, is breaking the 5th commandment.

All the while having the leadership's approval.

*Notice again verse 13...*

### **Mark 7:13**

*Thus you nullify the word of God...*

***Rejecting one command... in the eye's of Yahweh .... is rejecting them all.***

Here, the wolves of Yeshua's day not only permitted the breaking of the fifth commandment, they gave their blessing to it. *And Yeshua defined breaking the 5th commandment by simply writing off ones parents.* Also, in the case with the Pharisee's, **WOLVES TRY TO DICTATE.** Their focus is to have everyone look at them - all in the name of "ministering" of course.

*Compare...*

### **Matthew 23:2-11**

*"The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. "Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.' "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant.*

Let's read that last line again...**Matthew 23:11** *The greatest among you will be your servant.*

*Compare also...*

### **Mark 10:42-45**

*(Yeshua) Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and who ever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Many wolves desire others to be in submission to them, but Yeshua said that this is NOT to be the case with any who follow Him. *Let's focus on this for a minute.* **It must be understood that the Pastor or leader may NEVER ONCE say that those “under” him are to be in submission to him.**

Yet it will be very clear in what he expects from those around him. He may not utter a word on the topic. But his actions and attitudes will scream it loud enough. The bottom line, he wants you to submit to his “*authority*” that he claims over you.

Peter also warns of teachers that will distort the scriptures...

## **2 Peter 3:15-17**

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.

And these are men using the writings of Paul to cause others to fall into the error of lawlessness. Sadly, Paul knew this was coming...

## **Acts 20:29-32**

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. *“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”*

How did he know? Because he knew what the prophets had said and he knew that history repeats.

## **Ecclesiastes 1:9**

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

*Compare....*

## **2 Timothy 4:3**

For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

***“a great number of teachers... to say what their itching ears want to hear.”***

In these times we live in, there is no doubt that there are a great number of teachers who are fearful of losing to the numbers game and thus speak what itching ears want to hear. Though the number of teachers have indeed increased in these times, these types of teachers have always been.

### Luke 10:3

Go! I am sending you out like lambs among WOLVES.

### Matthew 10:16

I am sending you out like sheep among WOLVES. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

In scripture, sheep are ripped up and destroyed by wolves. In an effort to guard against WOLVES, Yeshua commanded us to be shrewd, but in the same time, maintain our innocence and not allow ourselves to be corrupted while amongst the WOLVES.

Shrewd means: *Astute, sharp, on the ball, smart, perceptive, insightful, wise, cunning, clever or even sharp witted.* The opposite means to be naive or gullible. Therefore, we are to be like the Bereans, and test everything to Scripture and study the Scriptures to show ourselves approved.

### 1 John 2:27

But the anointing which you have received of him abides in you, and you need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teaches you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, you shall abide in him.

There is one more interesting characteristic to note about wolves. Yeshua speaks of this in John 10:11-13.

### John 10:11-13

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

There are three types of persons that teach us something here....The Good Shepherd is Yeshua; the Scripture states that He is the Living Word. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, which is another reference of being the Word. Therefore, if the sheep would stay **IN THE WORD** and **LED BY THE WORD**, they would be much better off than if they relied on the **HIRED HAND** who will abandon them when **THEY NEED SHEPHERDING IN THE TRUTH** the most.

The hired hand is simply shepherding the flock, but not because they really care about the flock. They are doing it for other reasons. *For other purposes.* The wolf wants the sheep more than the hired hand. The hired hand steps aside and does not put up a fight like the Good Shepherd would, who is the Truth and the Word. The hired hand does not care for the sheep and therefore does not use the Truth and the Word to protect them. As a result, the sheep are **SCATTERED** and many fall prey to the teachings of the wolves.

The desire of wolves is to get the sheep to follow them and not Yeshua. Even though they claim that they themselves follow Yeshua, we cannot forget that Yeshua said they will come in sheep's clothing. Please be careful who you listen to or call “Pastor”. There is one mediator and we are to submit *only to Him...*

## 1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man (Messiah Yeshua) Christ Jesus,

There is an apparent scriptural dichotomy between a wolf and a good shepherd. Specifically, a wolf may teach that there is no difference between the clean and the unclean. A wolf may teach others to not observe the Lord's Sabbath. A wolf may distort the Truth and teach that distortion as Yahweh's word ... things Yahweh never stated.

This happens often as being a "word" from Yahweh straight to the individual. And since those who have subjected themselves to this persons "authority", they don't question it. The wolf can take what Scripture defines as sin and say it's not sin. Much like what the Pharisee's did regarding the 5th commandment. This happens often to fit what they want OR what the people may want. To tickle his own ears or the ears of others. But the focus is to keep as many people in submission to them.

On the flip side we can only conclude that a good shepherd teaches a difference between the clean and unclean and clearly teaches others to observe Yahweh's Sabbaths (which include His Feast days). A good shepherd will proclaim ALL of the truth and pursue it himself.

This is what the Father's true teachers teach and feed the flock according to His written Word. Ironically, this is also exactly what Yeshua taught and commanded His disciples to do the same (Matthew 23:1- 3; Matthew 28:19-20).

Remember:

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**ALL**, not some, Scripture is for rebuking and correction

**ALL**, not some, Scripture is for *INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS*

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

And... God is the Word...

## John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

*And we must never forget that God does not change...*

## Malachi 3:6

For I am (Yahweh) the LORD, I change not ...

*Thus we cannot change the Word.*

And no, Paul did not teach against God's law either. Paul made dozens of pro-law comments in his letters. We have to discern when Paul is speaking of the law of sin and death verses the law of God in his writings. Otherwise we could make the "error of lawless men" with interpreting (or twisting) Paul's letters as Peter warns in 2 Peter 3:14-17(show reference)

### **Proverbs 28:9**

"He who turns away his ear from hearing the Law, Even his prayer is an abomination."

For more study on false prophets, please see our teaching titled "*The Deuteronomy 13 Test*". Please also refer to our teachings "*The Church - His Model*" and the "*FAQ to The Church - His Model*".

So in closing, it's the desiring to *disregard* Yahweh's Torah that is the fruit of wolves. *Even if it's just one command*. In the eye's of Yahweh, if your desire is to disregard even one command, your desiring to *disregard* all of them. No matter how much you may preach or teach them. This is what we are to be on the look out for. It is in this that we are to be diligent, *so we are not deceived by those in sheep's clothing*. And at the same time, desiring to obey Yahweh's Torah is the fruit that he desires in all of us. And is expected to be in all of our hearts according to Jeremiah 31.

*In our hearts... thus, our desires.*

### **Jeremiah 31:33**

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

*In our hearts... That's being inside.*

### **Inside...**

### **Matthew 7:15**

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."

We hope you have enjoyed this study. Remember, continue to test everything. Shalom!

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**Shalom, and may Yahweh bless you in walking in the whole Word of God.**

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