

1. Two weeks ago on the 27th day of January, I taught in part 1Ti 6:20. When the clock tolled noon, I was in the process of teaching the *Doctrine of False Communicators*.
2. Before I return to the study of Paul's charge to Timothy, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Here is an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:17-19.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present age of the church not to be conceited nor to put their hope in the uncertainty of wealth; but instead to put their trust in God who richly provides all things for us to enjoy;
1Ti 6:18 additionally, urge those who are wealthy to do good, and to be ready to distribute to those less fortunate while also communicating what they know about the source of their wealth.
1Ti 6:19 Treasuring up for themselves a firm foundation, so that they may start living their eternal life.

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page five.

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

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1Ti 6:20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge,

5. Now let's return to our *Doctrine of False Communicators*.

Doctrine of False Communicators

1. The Scriptures are replete with teachings about false communicators.

1.1 False communicators are mentioned in Scripture by various names: false prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing, Satan's ministers, wells without water, hireling prophets, profane and vain babblers.

False Prophets:

Mat 7:15 Beware of **false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Mat 24:11 And many **false prophets** shall rise, and shall deceive many ...

Mar 13:22 For false Christs and **false prophets** shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

2Pe 2:1 But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

1Jo 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many **false prophets** are gone out into the world.

Wolves

Mat 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of **wolves**: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

False Apostles

2Co 11:13 For such men are **false apostles**, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

Angels of Light

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an **angel of light**.

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Wells Without Water

2Pe 2:17 These are **wells without water**, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever.

Hirelings

Joh 10:12 But he that is an **hireling**, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

Joh 10:13 The **hireling** fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

Profane and Vain Babblers

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding **profane and vain babblings**, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

2Ti 2:16 But shun **profane and vain babblings**: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2. A few Old Testament examples:

2.1 Satan convinced one-third of the angels to follow him in his rebellion.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

2.2 Satan was a deft false communicator when he possessed the snake, a creature originally created as a thing of beauty but later cursed to its present state because of his seduction of Eve.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

2.3 Satan was also a major player in the slaying of Abel. Gen 4:2-8

2.3.1 There were false communicators who no doubt tried to dissuade Noah in building the ark. As John Grey Barnhouse has said in his book entitled *Genesis*:

"We must realize it had never rained upon the earth. Rain was one of the things not seen as yet. What a fool Noah must have seemed to those who lived around him, when he warned of a change in nature that was one of the greatest in geological history."

2.4 There were false communicators who rose up against Moses.

Num 16:2 Now Korah and his men rose up against Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

Num 16:31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart

Num 16:32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions.

Num 16:33 They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community.

2.5 Aaron could not handle the Exodus generation in Moses' absence. He became a false communicator by default, forsaking his "responsibilities as High Priest."

Exo 32:1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Exo 32:2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."

Exo 32:3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

Exo 32:4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

Exo 32:5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."

Exo 32:6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

2.6. In Numbers chapters 22 through 25 we find the terrible example of Balaam. So, evil was this man, he became the New Testament example for all false teachers; especially those with improper motivations.

Jude 11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Jude 12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Rev 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos (300-800 A. D.) write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges ...

Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

2.7 Isaiah who ministered to Judah during the 8th century B.C. was opposed by false communicators of the Egyptian Party.

Isa 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

Isa 30:2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

Isa 30:3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

2.8 Jeremiah was resisted by many false teachers during his 7th century ministry to Judah.

Jer 43:1 And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, even all these words,

Jer 43:2 Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshai, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

Jer 43:3 But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

Jer 43:4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.

2.9 Malachi was opposed primarily by the priest of the land. They were rebuked for falsely communicating God's Word.

Mal 2:1 "And now this admonition is for you, O priests.

Mal 2:2 If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name," says the LORD Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me.

Mal 2:3 "Because of you I will rebuke your descendants; I will spread on your faces the offal from your festival sacrifices, and you will be carried off with it.

Mal 2:4 And you will know that I have sent you this admonition so that my covenant with Levi may continue," says the LORD Almighty.

Mal 2:5 "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name.

Mal 2:6 True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin.

Mal 2:7 "For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from his mouth men should seek instruction--because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty.

Mal 2:8 But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the LORD Almighty.

Mal 2:9 "So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of the law."

2.10 Nehemiah was faced with numerous adversaries as he led the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. Several of these men made false accusations against the Jewish effort to rebuild the city plazas, walls and gates outside the wall.

Ezr 4:8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort ...

Ezr 4:11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

Ezr 4:12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations.

Ezr 4:13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt be without their revenue.

Ezr 4:14 Now because we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king;

Ezr 4:15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

3. There were numerous false communicators actively resisting our Lord during the Kingdom Age. They were primarily the religious hierarchy consisting of the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees.

Mat 19:3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

Mat 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,"

Mat 19:5 "And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?"

Mat 19:6 "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Mat 19:7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

Mat 19:8 He saith unto them, "Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."

Mat 16:1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

Mat 16:2 He answered and said unto them, "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red."

Mat 16:3 "And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

Mat 16:4 "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas." And he left them, and departed.

Mar 11:15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,

Mar 11:16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.

Mar 11:17 And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

Mar 11:18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

Mat 15:1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

Mat 15:2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

Mat 15:3 But he answered and said unto them, "Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?"

End Lesson

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