

FALSE TEACHERS AND TEACHING

2. Why does Isaiah use "beasts" to refer to pagan nations?
3. Why is it so dangerous for a nation's leadership to become drunkards?
4. Why is the word "dogs" so appropriate for the leaders of Isaiah's day?
5. Why the encouragement by the leaders for all the people to become drunkards?

SPECIAL STUDY

WHAT IS TO BE DONE CONCERNING FALSE TEACHERS AND TEACHING

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1. Beware of them (be on the lookout for). (Matt. 7:15)
2. Know them (by their fruits, their works and doctrines). (Matt. 7:16)
3. Beware of their leaven-like doctrines. (Matt. 16:5-12) (cf. Gal. 5:9)
4. Follow God's word even when the teachers may be hypocritical or partisan. (Matt. 23:1-3) (cf. Phil. 1:15-18)
5. Let them alone. (Matt. 15:13-14)
6. Even if their doctrines are a result of centuries of national heritage, we must follow divinely revealed truth. (John 4:24)
7. Must not hear the voice of hirelings if we want to remain in the One true fold. (John 10)
8. We must follow only those who keep the word of the apostles. (John 15:20; 17:20)
9. We must follow only those who strive for unity. (John 17:21-23)
10. We must cautiously resist any teaching lest we be found fighting against God. (Acts 5:38-39)
11. We have apostolic precedent for debate with false teachers to defend truth. (Acts 6:8-10; 9:28-29; 10:1-18; 11; 13:6-12)
12. We are not to resist evil opposers to the point of reckless and foolhardy throwing away of our life. (Acts 14:1-7)

13. Their doctrine must be investigated in the light of revelation by the leaders of the church and the true doctrine preached polemically (Acts 15:1—16:5) in churches.
14. When they oppose and blaspheme the truth we should refuse to continue with them. (Acts 18:6) (cf. Matt. 7:6)
15. Separate the disciples from those who speak evil of the Way. (Acts 19:9)
16. Those sincere believers who have not learned and are not teaching the complete revelation need to be taught privately. (Acts 18:24-28; 19:1-7)
17. Elders are to “take heed”; “feed”; “watch”; “admonish with tears night and day”; “command the flock to God’s word” as *preventive polemics*. (Acts 20:28-32)
18. Opinions are not necessarily false teaching until someone makes them laws. (Rom. 14:1—15:7)
19. Mark them—turn away from them in their divisive doctrines. (Rom. 16:17)
20. Those who claim to be prophets or teachers must acknowledge the apostles’ letters as divine revelation. (I Cor. 14:37-38)
21. We are not to be “yoked together” with those who teach falsely or live falsely. (II Cor. 6:14-18)
22. Beware of their abilities to fashion themselves into angels of light and ministers of righteousness. (II Cor. 11:13-15)
23. They are to be anathematized. (Gal. 1:6-9) (They anathematize themselves.)
24. Rebuke publicly (“to the face”) in some instances. (Gal. 2:13-14)
25. Stand fast in freedom of the gospel (do not be bound by false laws added to it). (Gal. 5:1)
26. If a brother trespass in false teaching we are to seek his restoration in a spirit of gentleness. (Gal. 6:1-5)
27. We are to grow up in faith to prevent being “carried away by false teaching.” (Eph. 4:11-16)
28. We are to speak boldly the truth in love—each member of the body fulfilling his part in this speaking of the truth.

- (Eph. 4:15-16)
29. Not to be partakers (associate) with them (Eph. 5:6-11) and to prove all things by bringing God's revelation to shine upon them—we are to expose false teachings.
 30. We are to redeem the time by learning and understanding what the will of the Lord is in order to *prepare* for combating falsehood. (Eph. 5:15-18)
 31. We are to recognize that we wrestle against supernatural power (Eph. 6:10-18)—and we must arm ourselves with truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, with prayer—we must be wise as to Satan's devices. (II Cor. 2:11)
 32. We are to pray for knowledge to prove what is excellent. (Phil. 1:9-10)
 33. Mark them and beware of false teachers. (Phil. 3:2, 17-19)
 34. Take heed and beware of philosophies of men. (Col. 2:8)
 35. Let no man judge us in matters of expediency. (Col. 2:16)
 36. Train ourselves to answer false teachers. (Col. 4:6)
 37. Declare the gospel in face of great opposition and beware of those who preach to please men. (I Thess. 2:1-6)
 38. We are not to be ignorant. (I Thess. 4:13)
 39. We are to prove all things—hold fast to the good. (I Thess. 5:21)
 40. We are to strengthen one another with pure doctrine. (I Thess. 4:18)
 41. Withdraw from every brother that does not abide in apostolic doctrines. (II Thess. 3:6)
 42. Have no company with disobedient (II Thess. 3:14)—but admonish like a brother.
 43. Charge false teachers to refrain from their teaching. (I Tim. 1:3-4)
 44. Paul delivered two unto Satan who, through their blasphemy and apostasy, had "shipwrecked the faith." (I Tim. 1:19-20)
 45. Preachers are to expose the hypocrisy and demonical nature of false doctrines. (I Tim. 4:1-6)
 46. Refuse profane doctrines. (I Tim. 4:7)
 47. Evangelists are to train themselves in the Word to withstand

- these false doctrines. (I Tim. 4:11-16)
48. We are to shun those who do not agree with sound doctrine and who have a morbid craving for controversy. (I Tim. 6:3-11)
 49. We are to "fight the good fight" and withstand false doctrine. (I Tim. 6:12)
 50. We are to turn away from false teachings and "guard" the truth. (I Tim. 6:20-21)
 51. Charge brethren in the sight of the Lord not to strive about words. (II Tim. 2:14)
 52. Shun profane babblings. (II Tim. 2:16-17)
 53. Refuse foolish and ignorant questionings. (II Tim. 2:33)
 54. Correct in spirit of meekness those that oppose themselves. (II Tim. 2:25)
 55. Turn away from false teachers. (II Tim. 3:1-5)
 56. We are to imitate the apostles in their dealings with false teachers—to teach, correct, reprove, instruct. (II Tim. 3:10-17)
 57. We are to preach constantly, reproofing, rebuking, exhorting. (II Tim. 4:1-5)
 58. We are to exhort in sound doctrine, convict (show them for what they really are) the gainsayers. (Titus 1:9)
 59. The mouths of false teachers *must be stopped*. (Titus 1:11)
 60. The false teachers are to be reproved sharply. (Titus 1:13)
 61. Shun foolish questionings. (Titus 1:9)
 62. A factious man is to be refused after a first and second admonition. (Titus 3:10)
 63. We are to exercise our senses to discern good and evil. (Heb. 5:11-14)
 64. We are to obey elders as those who watch for our souls. (Heb. 13:17)
 65. We are to pray for divine wisdom to guard against demonical wisdom. (James 1:5)
 66. We are to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus lest we be carried away. (II Peter 3:17-18)
 67. We are to remember that God's word foretells false teachers arising. (II Pet. 3:1-7)

68. We are to take heed to what the apostles have warned about false teachers. (I John 2:18-25)
69. Believe not every spirit but prove (test) each teacher. (I John 4:1-6)
70. Test teachers as to how they listen and heed the apostolic doctrine. (I John 4:5)
71. We are not to fellowship with false teachers (II John 5-11)— we are not to receive them into our home nor give them greeting (those who deny the deity of Jesus Christ).
72. We are to contend (agonize) earnestly for the faith which is once for all time delivered unto the saints. (Jude 3)
73. Remember that false teachers have been prophesied. (Jude 17)
74. We are to build ourselves up in faith, pray in the Spirit, keep ourselves in love (Jude 20, 21) as a method of combating false teaching.
75. On some who are teaching falsely not of perverse nature but out of doubt, we are to convince in an attitude of mercy. (Jude 22, 23)
76. Try those who claim apostolic authority to teach. (Rev. 2:2)

D. WEARINESS TO WICKED WHO BREAK COVENANT WITH THE LORD, CHAPTER 57

1. SORCERY

TEXT: 57:1-5

- 1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.
- 2 He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh in his uprightness.
- 3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot.