

False Prophets, Angels of Light, and Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned (pretending) words make merchandise of you:" 2Peter 2:3a

In the last 30 – 40 years the gospel of Jesus Christ has been hijacked by false prophets, hucksters, shysters and wolves in sheep's clothing whose only purpose in preaching the gospel is to make money and lots of it. They care nothing for people's souls. These men and women do nothing but destroy and scatter the sheep (Jeremiah 23:1). The Bible says in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. They shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables". The Bible also says in 1 Timothy 4:1 "The spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some (now it's practically all) shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." Some of these doctrines, among many others, are:

- 1) God wants you to be rich
- 2) God doesn't want you to suffer - if you do, you lack faith
- 3) Great revival before the Rapture
- 4) Mid-Trib Rapture
- 5) Rapture occurs at the end of the Trib
- 6) No Rapture of the church
- 7) We're already in the Trib
- 8) God is done with Israel. All promises now apply to the Church – (Replacement Theology)

These men and women "corrupt the word of God" (2 Corinthians 2:17) to their own damnation. They have not renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, but are walking in craftiness, and are handling the word of God deceitfully (2 Corinthians 4:2). "Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: They all look to their own way everyone for his gain, from his quarter" (Isaiah 56:11). To show how far we have fallen away from the real gospel in these last days, we have compiled these articles from true God fearing men who wish only to expose and warn the people of these preachers and teachers and their devious evil ways. Please read this study with an open mind and a searching heart (Luke 11:9-10).

Luke 6:24 – "But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation".

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Thomas D. Jakes, known popularly as T.D., is a Church of God in Christ motivational speaker and pastor of the Potter's House, a mega-church in Dallas, Texas. In Jakes' case, it is not too difficult to understand his popularity (Luke 6:26). He preaches a positive, self-esteem-building message and holds the positive-only, avoid controversy, judge-not New Evangelical philosophy. A major problem with T.D. Jakes and every other New Evangelical is not the error that he teaches but the truth that he neglects. There are so many biblical truths that he will never deal with, such as separation and sacrifice. His preaching against sin and error is Laodicean at best. In regard to the hard issues, T.D. Jakes is a fence-straddler. In spite of the clear teaching of the Word of God, wherein the apostle Paul solemnly forbade women to preach or usurp authority over men (1 Timothy 2:12), Jakes refuses to judge whether it is right or wrong for a woman to be a pastor. He refuses to enter into controversy and risk destroying his popularity. Jakes is ecumenical. He has often spoken at Promise Keepers and other ecumenical forums, and he supported the heretic **Robert Schuller**. Jakes appeared with and supported the most radical of today's charismatics, including the late **Paul and Jan Crouch** and Trinity Broadcasting Network. This is the network that has helped popularize such unscriptural practices and

dangerous phenomena as hysterical laughing, spirit slaying, Christian rock & roll, and evangelical Catholicism. Jakes believes in the prosperity gospel. Like many of the Trinity Broadcasting Network preachers, Jakes falsely claims that Jesus was rich (2 Corinthians 8:9) and God wants us to be rich, too (Philippians 4:19). He and his wife live in a \$1.7 million mansion. Jakes admits that he formerly preached “Jesus Only” or “Oneness” theology, which rejects the doctrine of the Trinity. But he still faces two ways on this important issue. In a 2015 interview, Jakes not only avoided the issue of homosexuality, he also questioned the divine inspiration of Paul’s epistles, which is a fundamental error. Instead of plainly stating what the Bible teaches about homosexuality, Jakes described his views as “evolved and evolving”. Jakes comes out for ‘gay rights’ and ‘LGBT Churches’, Christian News Network, Aug. 7, 2015. This is a frightful and terrible mistake. America’s preachers are her fundamental problem. America doesn’t fear God today because America’s preachers don’t preach the fear of God (Proverbs 9:10). Like T.D. Jakes, they are too busy building mega-churches by preaching smooth things and prophesying deceits (or lies) (Isaiah 30:10).

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Joel and Victoria Osteen: Joel is the pastor of Lakewood Church and a major player in spreading the false Prosperity Gospel. I cannot imagine Jesus, John the Baptist, or the apostles preaching and teaching for selfish gain. Osteen is a motivational speaker disguised as a pastor.

Kenneth and Gloria Copeland: He is an offshoot of his Word-Faith mentor Kenneth (“Dad”) Hagin and his teachings are no less dangerous. Copeland teaches that Christians are guaranteed physical healing and financial prosperity, something that the Lord never guaranteed. He is one the people that teaches, “We are little gods.”

Kenneth Hagin: The late “Dad” Hagin is referred to as the modern father of the Word-Faith movement. He is another one that taught that we are “little gods.” He taught that if Christians weren’t healthy and wealthy, it’s due to lack of faith. He wrote about a time when Jesus appeared to him in a vision and the Lord was being shouted down by a “demon monkey.” Kenneth had to rebuke the demon monkey and told him to “Get out in Jesus’ name” so he could hear what the Lord was saying to him. Then he said Jesus told him “If you hadn’t done something about that, I couldn’t have.” Heresy!

Mike Murdock: He is a televangelist who is regularly featured on TBN. He is a swindler and huckster if there ever was one. The premise of guaranteed riches and financial overflow is certainly false and so is his seed faith racket. He loves when people sow a \$1,000 seed to the ministry. Once the seed is sown, he teaches that credit card debt will be wiped out and the dollars will flow. He is correct, the dollars do flow, unfortunately they flow directly to Mike Murdock’s pocket. As is the case with many Prosperity Gospel teachers, he preys on the innocent, downtrodden, and minorities.

Creflo Dollar and Taffi Dollar: Creflo is the pastor of World Changers Church based in Atlanta. His ministry is heavy on the seed faith and reaping financial windfalls. Creflo has uttered too much unbiblical nonsense to even list here, but these sum up the message: “You are not a sinner saved by grace, you are sons and daughters of the most high.” He also wrote via Twitter: “Jesus bled and died for us so that we can lay claim to the promise of financial prosperity.”

Jesse Duplantis: Jesse is a prime time voice in the Prosperity Gospel and Word-Faith movement. He is known for his many outlandish theological statements such as, “God made animals and didn’t have the foggiest idea what they were.” Jesse screams at the devil while preaching, “slays” people in the

“Spirit” and claims that God has answered his every prayer. His comedic skill is in demand during Trinity Broadcasting Network’s (TBN) fundraising events. Jesse chants “I declare increase and financial anointing” at meetings and TBN rallies.

Peter Popoff: Is well known for his so called “miracle crusades.” Mr. Popoff is another in a long list of Word-Faith and Prosperity Gospel gurus that rely on theatrics and trickery to deceive people. His “ministry” sends a massive amount of mail out to people. He asks people to send in their seed offering so God can release a great harvest. Is this a harvest of saved souls or renewed holiness? No! The harvest is a financial windfall of course! His big things include points of contact which involves sending trinkets such as “miracle water” and “silver and gold blessing bracelets” which are nothing more than rubber bands. The racket is if you send back your silver and gold bracelets to him (with your seed offering), God will send a silver and gold blessing. Finally, there is ample documentation of Peter Popoff receiving “prophetic” information about an attendee’s prayer cards submitted during the service. The “prophetic word” is received through an ear piece.

Paula White: Is a rising star in the Word-Faith and Prosperity Gospel world. She is another one who constantly asks people to plant a financial seed. She uses familiar Word-Faith and Prosperity Gospel catch phrases such as: “Claiming the anointing,” and “Sowing your seed.” Paula has stated that, “Poverty is a curse.” That would come as a shock to the millions of born-again Christians in the third world who know that their true treasure is in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). Thousands of “Pastor Paula’s” books have been sold and the self-help, me centered gospel of the Word-Faith movement keeps getting gobbled up. Her book sale numbers and packed meetings are a true testimony to the fact that the false message of the Prosperity Gospel sells. Paula White is another teacher spreading false doctrine and others must be warned about her deception.

Here are a few other Prosperity Gospel and Word-Faith teachers that we want to warn others about: Joyce Meyer, Morris Cerullo, Steven Furtick, Eddie Long, Robert Tilton, Richard Roberts, Frederick KC Price, Marilyn Hickey, and much of what is on TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network). We are living in times when apostasy is rampant and the false prophets are tickling the ears of many (2 *Timothy* 4:3-4). The Prosperity Gospel and Word-Faith movements are satanic tools to spiritually shipwreck people.

Now let’s look at a few of the leaders in the latter rain-new apostolic reformation movement:

Rodney Howard Browne- Was virtually unknown in America, but he took Lakeland by storm. As I sat in the upper section in a back row of the 10,000 seat church, the service began routinely enough with a few praise songs. This guy (Rodney Howard Browne) then gets up and starts to preach. Almost instantly he stops, begins to smile, then giggle, then belly laugh. Before I knew it...people in the crowd were starting to laugh, until the whole place literally roared with laughter. I remember telling the person next to me, “This is not the Holy Spirit and has nothing to do with God.” I left during the opening moments of the service because the crowd wasn’t worshipping God. They were worshipping the theatrics of a false teacher... a self proclaimed “Holy Ghost Bartender.” Stay away from the teachings of Rodney Howard Browne. Subsequent counterfeit revivals and inter-related false outpourings took place in Toronto (Toronto Blessing), Brownsville (Pensacola revival), and again in Lakeland in 2008.

Todd Bently- After I moved from Florida, I received a call about another “revival” that was happening in Lakeland. This time it was a wolf in sheep’s clothing named Todd Bentley. Thousands of people came to Lakeland in droves to see Todd punch and kick both young and old people at his “healing” services. Todd has stated that he has angelic visitations on stage and “Emma” the angel seems to be a personal acquaintance of his. Since these angels aren’t pronouncing divine judgment but

are bringing glory to Todd instead of God, we must conclude that these are lying demons, not God's angels. In one recent service, Todd's wife was speaking on stage and was literally overcome by...or surrendered to what appeared to be a Kundalini spirit. Stay away from this couple's teachings including his ministry... Fresh Fire. Todd was banned from the UK, and Australia by government officials and his "revival" meetings were cancelled. Todd is a product of his mentor, Rick Joyner.

Rick Joyner- Rick is pastor of Morning Star Church in South Carolina. Worship services at his church are not orderly as the Bible commands, but they epitomize chaos. Loud shrieks, lots of laughter, and wild animal noises are "the norm" there. Rick's worship band sings "The Holy Ghost Hokey Pokey" during worship. Footage from the "outpouring" at Morning Star's school is sad to watch. High school age children are seen convulsing, screaming, and moaning uncontrollably. The room sounded like something out of a pagan worship ritual. This is the exact reason we must warn people about this and contend for the true faith handed down to us. Many people, including youth and new believers are being blinded and seduced by spiritual deception.

Bill Johnson- Bill is the pastor of Bethel church in Redding California. Strange manifestations are the norm at Bethel. Bill has witnessed feathers falling from heaven. Glory clouds appear and gold dust falls miraculously during select worship services at Bethel Church. People walk through fire tunnels which consist of walking between "worshippers" who are moaning, chanting, and yelling as you walk in between them. Deceiving spirits are present in this church. Bill has made biblically illiterate statements such as, "Jesus was emptied of His divine capacity here." Bill Johnson is another false teacher and must be avoided at all costs.

Mike Bickle- Mike is pastor of IHOP (International House of Prayer) Church in Kansas City. He's another dominion theology guy who teaches that a triumphant church will defeat God's enemies and not a conquering Christ when He returns. He also believes a great revival will run concurrently with the Tribulation. False prophecies and visions are synonymous with the International House of Prayer Church. The worship services are often a collection of dreams, visions, hypnotic music, and repetitive singing of un-biblical choruses. IHOP and the teachings of Mike Bickle need to be avoided.

Joshua Mills- Joshua is a well known "worship" leader, musician, and teacher in the latter rain movement. Gold dust "miraculously" appears occasionally as he sings and plays the piano. In his teaching CDs and books, Joshua gives practical keys for opening up the heavenly dimension. He has a "spirit soaking" CD titled: *Spirit Spa* and a book titled: *Atmospheres* where he teaches how to create a realm for miracles and success. There is a living book that teaches true success is dying to one self...it's called the Bible. RUN from false teaching and deceptive spirits that are present in this man's ministry.

Benny Hinn- The multitude of antics, false prophecies, and lying wonders present at Mr. Hinn's "miracle crusades" and gatherings are too numerous to list here. What happens at his services are nothing short of demonic manifestations mimicking genuine work of the Holy Spirit. I attended one of Hinn's services while in my early 20s at the Orland Christian Center back in 1993. What I witnessed was nothing short of a display of either hypnosis or demonic manifestation where people fell in droves whenever Benny blew into the microphone or waved his jacket around on stage. I knew then as a young man who studied the Bible that what was happening at that service was something anti-biblical. Based alone on Hinn's false prophecies and outlandish theology including tritheism (belief that the trinity consists of three distinct gods)this man and his ministry should be avoided at all costs.

Peter Wagner- Mr. Wagner is a false teacher and the founder of the *Wagner Leadership Institute*. Wagner is the figurehead of the dominion theology movement which is basically repackaged in the latter rain and new apostolic reformation movements. The Wagner Leadership Institute's vision: WLI is an

international network of apostolic training centers established to equip saints for the kingdom ministry. Wagner is the mentor for many of the new apostolic reformation's leaders and he believes that they are in a new apostolic age that will usher in the kingdom. He teaches that they are going to change the shape of Christianity around the world (Hebrews 13:8). He is partially correct because his false doctrine of dominion theology is being accepted and proliferating churches at an alarming rate.

More organizations, teachers, preachers, and so-called "prophets" or self appointed apostles to avoid

Cindy Jacobs, Patricia King, John Crowder, Randy Clark, Heidi Baker, Michael Pierce, Paul Cain, Kim Clement, Bill Hamon, Steve Hill, Toronto Blessing, Brownsville (Pensacola) Revival, Lakeland Outpouring, International Coalition of Apostolic Leaders (ICAL), Elijah list, Fresh Fire Ministries, Joel's Army, Hillsong, Many (not all) of the teachings and teachers on God TV, TBN, and TCT.

Let's not forget **Irving Baxter** of End of the Age Ministries seen on T.C.T. who teaches we are already in the Great Tribulation and that WW I was the 1st trumpet, WW II was the 2nd trumpet, and the nuclear accident at Chernobyl, Russia, was the 3rd trumpet. If the Great Tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble, is only supposed to last for 7 years, how could the 1st trumpet have sounded 100 years ago? And, if we're already in the Great Tribulation, where is the Antichrist and his 7 year covenant that he was supposed to have signed with Israel? Be not deceived by this False Prophet. "Cease my son to hear instruction that causes to err from the words of knowledge" (Proverbs 19:27).

And finally, the greatest of all the modern day moneychangers is **Jim Bakker**. Another so called Man-of-God who says the church is going through the Great Tribulation, so buy our food, water, medicines, solar panels, short wave radios, portable generators, homes, books, DVD's, and everything else he can get his hands on. If he was a real man of God, he would know the Church wasn't going through the Great Tribulation (Revelation 3:10) and we wouldn't need to be storing all this stuff. So don't be taken in by hucksters like him. They are only out to make merchandise of you (2 Peter 2:3).

The widespread apostasy we are witnessing in the church today is indicative of the soon return of Jesus Christ. The Bible warns us that "perilous times would come in the last days and that people would be covetous and have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof." We are warned to "turn away from such people as these" (2Timothy 3:1-5). That is why we must repent with all our hearts, study our own Bibles, fellowship with other true Christians, and keep our eyes on Jesus, not man (Hebrews 12:2). But instead, the professing church of the last days has welcomed these wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15) with open arms. Thank God for the few remaining churches that are holding true to the faith, preaching only from the King James Bible, and are not being turned aside unto fables and false doctrines that these people are spewing. We should lovingly warn people who are deceived by these false teachers, pray for them, disciple them, and direct them to a solid Bible teaching fellowship.

This Bible study is going to offend many people but "if we seek to please man, we cannot be the servants of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). Also, will we become your enemies because we tell you the truth? (Galatians 4:16). We live in the most wicked and deceitful generation since the church was started almost 2,000 years ago. That is why "evil men and seducers shall wax (or become) worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). This Bible study started with the scripture 2 Peter 2:3a. The second half of that scripture says, "whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not". Yes, "cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully" (Jeremiah 48:10a).

AMEN!

(1Timothy 6:5)