

False Prophets Presume by Presenting a Merit They’ve no Authority To Claim

False Prophets Promote Abominations by ...

ascribing the characteristics of deity to things that are _____ the _____ (God, Jesus, Holy Spirit)

**False Prophets Promote F-E-A-R = False Evidence Appearing Real
False Prophets Promote the Politics that _____ Paradise!**

- **Politicians** who devalue, debunk & vote in opposition to what the Bible teaches
 - **TV Personalities**, who promote sin as progressive liberties
 - **Purveyors** of unBiblical “Christianity” & religions that violate God’s Ten Cmd’s
 - **Psychics**, card readers, fortune tellers, mediums
- The media _____ these voices!
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**“God Requires Us To Recognize The Prophet He Raises Up”
Fear = Fear (Deeply _____) the Lord – Not False Prophets**
Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Psalm 111:10)

Ps. 112:1-6 Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commands!

- 2His offspring & generation will be _____
- 6The righteous will never be _____
- 7He is _____ of bad news; his heart is firm

Thus Jesus says in Matt 10:28 & Luke 12:4-5, fear not those who can _____ the _____, but Him who has _____ over your _____.



Deut. 18: 1-8 Like Levites, We Must Decide To Be Disciples Who Stand for Christ

**Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”
Whoever answers the call gets chosen!**

Deut 18:1-8 “Levites Model The Life Style Of The Lord’s Servants”

**Deut. 18: 1-4 Like the Levite Priests, the Lord Is _____
Portion, Inheritance & Due.**

Note Levites did not automatically participate in the Lord’s service.

By position of _____ they were _____.

They had to chose to enter into full-time service.

Though _____ (John 3:3-16), we Christians must _____ to enter into _____.

“Levites Live By Faith” From The Offerings Faithful People

- Deut. 18: 1-4 The Lord is the Priests’ portion, inheritance & due — in _____ with faithful people.
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Deuteronomy 18: 1-22

“Live Like Levites & Recognize The Prophet God Raises Up”

- 1-4 Levites shall _____ the LORD’s food offerings from the people’s offered first fruits, including grain, wine, oil, ox & sheep fleece
- 5For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the name of the LORD ... for all time.
- God wants some people to be devoted exclusively to Him, His _____ and _____

Like Levites We Live By Faith” & Will Receive Our Reward From The Lord

Matthew 20:1-16 – The Master Hires Laborers For His

_____ / _____ At Different Hours Of The Day & Each Receives The Same _____.

- 1 early morning laborers agree to work for a denarius — a day's wage for a laborer
- 3-4 laborers are hired during the 3rd hour
- 5 laborers are hired in the 6th & 9th hours
- 6 laborers hired during the 11th hour
- 8–10 each laborer receives the same pay, starting from the _____, up to the _____.

Deut. 18: 9-14 The A-B-C’s of Possessing the Land: Abandon Abominations; Be Blameless & Commit to being Crucified In Christ

God evaluates our commitment to _____ based on how we _____ (Jer 11:6, Mt 7:21-24, Jn 13:17, Rom 2:13, Gal. 2:20& 5:24

9When you come into the land the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not _____ to follow the abominable practices of those nations:

- Burns (aborts) children in fire as an offering
- practices divination
- tells fortunes
- interprets omens,
- is a sorcerer
- 11a charmer
- medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead (praying to dead saints!)

12because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.

Deuteronomy 18: 15-16 We Need a Godly Mediator To Mitigate Between Us & God

15“The LORD your God will raise up for you a PROPHET (the who will _____ for God) like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.

- 1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man _____,
- Jesus is the Prophet per John 7:40 - When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.”
- Is. 9:6 Our mediator will be _____

Deut. 18: 20-22 We Are Not To Fear False Prophets Who Provide Fake News!

John 8:26 “.... But the One who sent Me is truthful, and what I have heard from Him, I tell the world.

b 1 Hebrew *his*

c 6 Or *lives--if he comes enthusiastically*

d 8 The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain

e 10 Hebrew *makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire*

f 20 Or *and*



Sermon Reading Slides Notes

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE SLIDES

Today's Scripture Reading Slides

(For long passages, select for public reading the specific Scripture passages that will be discussed in this message)

Slide 1) Deuteronomy 18: 1-2 (ESV) The Lord Is Levi's Portion & Inheritance

1“The Levitical priests, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel. They shall eat the LORD’s food offerings^a as their^b inheritance. **2**They shall have no inheritance among their brothers; the LORD is their inheritance, as he promised them.

Slide 2) Deuteronomy 18: 3-5 (ESV) People Provide What The Priests Are Due

3And this shall be the priests’ due from the people, from those offering a sacrifice, whether an ox or a sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach. **4**The firstfruits of your grain, of your wine and of your oil, and the first fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. **5**For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for all time.

Slide 3) Deuteronomy 18: 6-8 (ESV)

Like Levites, We Must Decide to be disciples who Stand for Christ

6And if a Levite comes from any of your towns out of all Israel, where he lives—and he may come when he desires—to the place that the LORD will choose,⁷and ministers in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand to minister there before the LORD, **8**then he may have equal portions to eat, besides what he receives from the sale of his patrimony.

Slide 4) Deut 18: 9-11 (ESV) ABC's of possessing the land: Practice no abominations & be blameless in Christ

9“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. **10**There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering,^e anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer **11**or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead,

Slide 5) Deut 18: 12-14 (ESV) XPracticing Abominations Is Abandoning Your Nation's Security

12for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. **13**You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, **14**for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.

Slide 6) Deut 18: 15-17 (ESV) God's Prophet Will Be A Brother Like Us But Will Be Of God

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen — ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.

Slide 7) Deut 18: 18-19 (ESV) God Holds Us Accountable To Listen To His Anointed Prophet

¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Slide 8) Deut 18: 20-22 (ESV) False Prophet Presume Against God By Promoting Fake News

²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ ²¹And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’ — ²²when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

TODAY'S MESSAGE & SLIDES

Slide 9) Message Map: Deut 18:1-22

Discovering Deuteronomy's Divine Duties #18

“God Wants Us To Live Like Levites Who Chose Him, & God Requires us To Recognize The Prophet He Raises Up”

- 1) Deut. 18: 1-8 Like Levites, We Must Decide To Be Disciples Who Stand For Christ
- 2) Deut. 18: 9-14 The **ABC**'s of possessing the land: **A**bandon **A**bominations; be **B**lameless Get **C**rucified In Christ
- 3) Deut. 18: 15-19 God's Prophet Will Be A Brother Like Us But Will Be Of God
- 4) Deut. 18: 20-22 We Are Not To Fear False Prophets Who Provide Fake News!

Slide 10) Part 1)

Deut. 18: 1-8 Like Levites, We Must Decide To Be Disciples Who Stand for Christ

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”
Whoever answers the call gets chosen.

Ellicott's Commentary says, The "chosen" are those who both accept the invitation and comply with its condition; those who, in the one parable, work in the vineyard, and in the other, array themselves with the wedding garment of holiness. The "choice," as far as the parable is concerned, appears as dependent upon the answer given to the calling. The further truth of an election "according to the foreknowledge of God the Father" (1Peter 1:2) is not here within view, but it follows

necessarily on the assumption of that foreknowledge. The "choice," which in the parable comes as the close of all, must be thought of as having been present to the mind of the All-knowing from all eternity. No one can fix time limits for the thoughts of God, and say that at such a time a purpose came into His mind as it comes into the minds of men. We are compelled in such matters to use anthropomorphic language, but we should remember, as we do so, its necessary limitations.

Ellicott's Commentary also says, "For many be called, but few chosen.--The warning is repeated after the parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:14), and as it stands there in closer relation with the context, that will be the fitting place for dwelling on it. The better MSS., indeed, omit it here. If we accept it as the true reading, it adds something to the warning of the previous clause. **The disciples had been summoned to work in the vineyard. The indulgence of the selfish, murmuring temper might hinder their "election" even to that work.** Of one of the disciples, whose state may have been specially present to our Lord's mind, this was, we know, only too fatally true. **Judas had been "called," but would not be among the "chosen"** either for the higher work or for its ultimate reward-Interpreting the parable as we have been led to interpret it, we cannot for a moment imagine that its drift was to teach the disciples that they would forfeit their place in the kingdom. A wider interpretation is, of course, possible, and has been often applied, in which the first-called labourers answer to the Jews, and those who came afterwards to converts in the successive stages of the conversion of the Gentiles. But this, though perhaps legitimate enough as an application of the parable, is clearly secondary and subordinate, and must not be allowed to obscure its primary intention."

Pulpit Commentary says "...Christ takes occasion from the particular case in the parable to make a general statement, that

not all who are called would receive reward; because many would not answer the call, or would nullify it by their conduct;"

Slide 11) Deut 18:1-8 "Levites Model The Life Style Of The Lord's Servants"

Deut. 18: 1-4 Like the Levite Priests, the Lord Is OUR Portion, Inheritance & Due.

Note Levites did not automatically participate in the Lord's service.

By position of BIRTH they were ELIGIBLE.

They had to chose to enter into full-time service.

Though BORN AGAIN (John 3:3-16), we Christians must CHOSE to enter into DISCIPLESHIP.

Like Levites, We Must Decide to be disciples who Stand for Christ

⁶And if a Levite comes from any of your towns out of all Israel, where he lives—and he may come when he desires—to the place that the LORD will choose,⁷and ministers in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand to minister there before the LORD, ⁸then he may have equal portions to eat, besides what he receives from the sale of his patrimony.

⁶And if a Levite comes from any of your towns out of all Israel, where he lives—and he may come when he desires—to the place that the LORD will choose,

Levites "may come when he desires" means they ...

- 1) can respond to a call from God to enter service.
- 2) many are called but few are chosen
- 3) like us can enter into what the Pulpit Commentary calls "the inner election, of those, that is, whose life and

character were worthy of the Christian name, showing the graces of faith, holiness, and love.”

- 4) many call themselves “Christians” but few actually chose to commit to the Discipleship life of closely following Christ.
- Matthew 22:14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”
 - **Ellicott’s Commentary on Matthew 22:14** says, The “chosen” are those who both accept the invitation and comply with its condition; those who, in the one parable, work in the vineyard, and in the other, array themselves with the wedding garment of holiness.”
 - **Pulpit Commentary on Matt 22:14** Verse 14. - Many are called...chosen. **The rejected guest is a type of a numerous class** (see Matthew 20:6). **All the Jews had first been called; then all the Gentiles**; many were they who obeyed not the call; and of those who did come in, many were not of the inner election, of those, that is, whose life and character were worthy of the Christian name, showing the graces of faith, holiness, and love. Applying the parable generally, **Origen (ap. I. Williams) says, "If any one will observe the populous congregations, and inquire how many there are who live a better kind of life, and are being transformed in the renewing of their mind; and how many who are careless in their conversation and conformed to this world, he will perceive the use of this voice of our Saviour's, 'Many are called, but few chosen;' and in another place it has been said, 'Many will seek to enter in, and shall not be able' (Luke 13:24); and, 'Strive earnestly to enter in by the narrow gate; for few there be that find it' (Matthew 7:13, 14)."**
 - **Calvin’s Commentary on Matt 22:14** Christ did not threaten that the greater part would be thrown out, but mentioned one man only; and now we learn from him, that out of a large number few will be retained. And certainly,

though in the present day a more numerous body of men is collected into the Church by the Gospel than was formerly collected by the Law, it is but a small portion of them whose faith is evinced by newness of life. Let us not flatter ourselves with the empty title of faith, but let every man seriously examine himself, that at the final review he may be pronounced to be one of the lawful guests; for, as Paul reminds us, that the vessels in the Lord's house are not all of the same kind, so — let every one that calleth on the name of the Lord depart from iniquity, (2 Timothy 2:19,20.)

- Meyer’s (Heinrich August Wilhelm Meyer) New Testament Commentary on Matt 22:14 ... **many, on the contrary, are called to the Messiah’s kingdom, but comparatively few are chosen by God actually to participate in it.** This saying has a somewhat different purport in Matthew 20:16; still in both passages the ἐκλογή is not, in the first instance, the judicial sentence, but **the eternal decree of God**; a decree, however, which **has not selected the future subjects of the kingdom in any arbitrary fashion, but has destined for this honour those who, by appropriating and faithfully maintaining the requisite δικαιοσύνη** (see on Matthew 22:11 f.), will be found to possess the corresponding disposition and character.

⁸then he may have equal portions to eat, besides what he receives from the sale of his patrimony

That Levites “may have equal portions to eat, besides what he receives from the sale of his patrimony” means they

- a) preached a prosperity gospel
- b) didn’t have to do what Christ told the Rich Young Ruler to sell everything and give it to the poor.
- c) Rich Young Ruler

Luke 18:22-23 But when the ruler heard this, he became very sad, because he was extremely rich. But when the ruler heard this, he became very sad, ...

Matthew 19:22 When the young man heard this, he went away in sorrow, because he had great ...

... he went away sad, because he was very rich. When the young man heard this, ... When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth ...

Luke 18:18-30 Perhaps Jesus tells the rich young ruler to “Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” because ...

The young man was being self-righteous, so Christ showed him that he was not able to follow God on his own terms in his own strength. Thus when it is said 25For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” 27But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

18And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 19And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 20You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” 21And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” 22When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 23But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. 24Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”

27But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” 28And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.” 29And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

,⁷and ministers in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand to minister there before the LORD, ⁸then he may have equal portions to eat, besides what he receives from the sale of his patrimony.

Patrimony = Proceeds from the sale of his father's estate

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Slide 12) “Levites Live By Faith” From The Offerings Faithful People

- Deut. 18: 1-4 The Lord is the Priests' portion, inheritance & due — in **PARTNERSHIP** with faithful people.
- 1-4 Levites shall **EAT** the LORD's food offerings from the people's offered first fruits, including grain, wine, oil, ox & sheep fleece
- 5For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the name of the LORD ... for all time.
- God wants some people to be devoted exclusively to Him, His **WORD** and **MINISTRY**
- Matthew 6:19-34
19“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

In ‘Deut. 18: 1-6, God wants the Levites to treasure Him – as the example He has for all of us, regardless of our calling.

22“‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24“‘No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.f

Do Not Be Anxious

25“‘Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?g 28And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34“‘Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

3And this shall be the priests’ due from the people, from those offering a sacrifice, whether an ox or a sheep: they

shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach.

- 4The **firstfruits** of your grain, of your wine and of your oil, and the first fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. 5For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for all time.

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Slide 13) Like Levites We Live By Faith” & Will Receive Our Reward From The Lord

Matthew 20: 1-16 (The First Shall Be Last Shall Be First – Meaning, it doesn’t matter how long we’ve searched, been misled, sat around idle without direction, regardless of when we come to Christ to get discipled and enter into His true service, we will be recompensed as one of the elected, and will receive the kingdom with all benefits included in that membership!)

Matthew 20:1-16 – The Master Hires Laborers For His VINEYARD/KINGDOM At Different Hours Of The Day & Each Receives The Same WAGE.

- 1 early morning laborers agree to work for a denarius — a day's wage for a laborer
- 3-4 laborers are hired during the 3rd hour
- 5 laborers are hired in the 6th & 9th hours
- 6 laborers hired during the 11th hour
- 8–10 each laborer receives the same pay, starting from the **LAST**, up to the **FIRST**.

Matthew 20:1-16

1“‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will

give you.’ 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ 7They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ 9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’^b 16So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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Slide 14) Part 2) Deut. 18: 9-14 The A-B-C’s of Possessing the Land:

Abandon Abominations; Be Blameless & Commit to being Crucified In Christ

Duet 18: 12-14 ¹²for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. ¹³You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, ¹⁴for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.

God evaluates our commitment to BELIEF based on how we BEHAVE

Jer 11:6, Matt 7:21-24, John 13:17, Rom 2:13, Gal. 2:20 & 5:24

Matt 7:21-24 21“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

John 13:17, If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Rom 2:13 13For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal 5:24 ... Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his ...

Slide 15) Deut 18: 9-11 God Abolishes Nations for Abominable Practices

9“**When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not LEARN to follow the abominable practices of those nations.** 10There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets

omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead,

God does not want His people to LEARN abominable practices. Satan knows this, so today he has taken over the schools and is ensuring children LEARN what God does not want them to learn!

Let's Lean Into Seeing That Children LEARN God's Ways in our public schools by ...

- attending school board meetings to advocate we put the Bible back in our schools & re-instate the New England Primer (The Old Satan Deluder Act of Education - so children KNOW God and His requirements that safeguard our community and national security!

Abominable Actions = anyone who ...

- **Burns** (aborts) **children** in fire as an offering
- **practices divination** (Divination = (soothsaying) (from Latin *divinare*, 'to foresee, to foretell, to predict, to prophesy')[2] **is the attempt to gain insight into a question or situation by way of an occultic, standardized process or ritual**
- tells fortunes (Fortune-telling = using occult practices to predict information about a person's life. [is a more everyday practice for personal purposes.)
- **interprets omens**, (an event, happening or phenomenon believed to foretell the future, includes palm readers, card readers)
- is a **sorcerer** (one who claims or is believed to practice magic that derives from supernatural or occult sources, and have magic powers, such as a witch or wizard, (black) magician, warlock, diviner, occultist, voodooist, sorceress, enchanter, enchantress, necromancer, magus, medicine man, medicine woman, shaman, witch doctor; in southern Africa sangoma; Irish pishogue; North American & West

Indian conjure woman; rare thaumaturge, thaumaturgist, theurgist, spellcaster, mage, magian.)

- ¹²a **charmer** (English practitioners of a specific kind of folk magic)
- **medium** (mediating communication between spirits of the dead and living human beings)
- or a **necromancer** or **one who inquires of the dead** — Necromancy (*/ˈnɛkrəmænsi/*)[1][2] **is the practice of magic or black magic involving communication with the dead by summoning their spirits as apparitions or visions, or by resurrection for the purpose of divination**; imparting the means to foretell future events; discovery of hidden knowledge; returning a person to life, or to use the dead as a weapon. Sometimes referred to as "death magic," the term is used in a more general sense to refer to black magic or witchcraft.[3][4]

Heb 9:27 And just as **it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,**

- There is no dying and coming back as is learned from Reincarnation.

¹²for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And **because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.** ¹³You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, ¹⁴for **these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners.** But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.

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Related to the above is **Shamanism** is a religious practice that involves a practitioner (shaman) interacting with what they believe to be a spirit world through altered states of consciousness, such as trance.[1][2] The goal of this is usually to direct spirits or spiritual energies into the physical world for the purpose of healing, divination, or to aid human beings in some other way.

Slide 16) Part 3) Deut. 18: 15-19 God's Prophet Will Be a Brother Like Us but Will Be of God

John 8:19 "Where Is Your Father?" They Asked Him. "You Do Not Know Me or my Father," Jesus Answered. "If You Knew Me, You Would Know my Father as Well."

Slide 17) Deuteronomy 18: 15-16 We Need a Godly Mediator To Mitigate Between Us & God)

15“The LORD your God will raise up for you a **PROPHET** (the who will **REFLECT, REPRESENT & SPEAK** for God) like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, **lest I die.**’ 17And the LORD said to me, ‘**They are right** in what they have spoken.

The fire that accompanied God’s present at Horeb, when He delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses signified:

- Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful (fearful, dreadful, terrible, terrifying) thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- God is Holy, and an all consuming fire of judgment and indignation that carries beyond the grace, into eternity, which shall devour those unwilling to bow to Him. Thus Jesus says, fear not him who can kill the body, but Him who has power over your souls.

But Isaiah 11: 1-5 Explains That Christ Our Mediator Will Be Like “A Tender Shoot of Jesse”

- Isaiah 11: 1-5 1There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- 1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man **CHRIST JESUS**,
- Jesus is the Prophet per John 7:40 - When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.”
- Is. 9:6 Our mediator will be **INCARNATED** — Is. 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Why It Is Fearful To Be In God’s Presence:

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary on Hebrews 10:31 - 31. fearful ... to fall into the hands—It is good like David to fall into the hands of God, rather than man, when one does so with filial faith in his father's love, though God chastises him. "It is fearful" to fall into His hands as a reprobate and

presumptuous sinner doomed to His just vengeance as Judge (Heb 10:27).

Gill's Exposition of Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. For this is to be understood not in a good sense; so in general all mankind may be said to fall into, or be in the hands of God, as they are the work of his hands, the care of his providence, and are subject to his sovereignty; and in especial manner, believers, whose times and persons are in God's hand, which bespeaks his great affection for them, their nearness to him, the support they have by him, and protection from him; and they choose to fall into the hands of him as a chastising Father, rather than into the hands of men, and at death commend themselves into his hands: but here it is taken in a bad sense, and signifies to be arrested by justice as a criminal, and be brought to the bar of God, and receive the sentence of condemnation; when such will feel the weight of his hand, and the fierceness of his wrath; and this is "a fearful thing": it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of men, injured and affronted, and that have power, and will show no mercy; it is very tremendous to fall into the hands of God, in the way of his judgments in this world; the apprehensions of a future judgment are terrible before hand; and the apparatus of the judgment, when it comes, will be very striking and surprising; but to stand before the Judge, charged with sin, naked, and without righteousness, speechless, and no one to speak in favour of them; to hear the dreadful sentence pronounced, and feel the wrath of God to the uttermost, how horrible must this be! the aggravations of this are, that it is into the hands "of God" that such fall, and not into the hands of men, or mere creatures; but of God, who is omniscient, and sees through all pretences; omnipotent, and none can rescue out of his hands by force; omnipresent, and so no escaping from him; just and faithful, and not to be bribed, inexorable, immutable, and unalterable: and that he is "the living God"; in opposition to the lifeless deities of the Gentiles, and to mortal men; and is expressive of his eternity, and so of the duration of the sinner's punishment, that falls into his hands.

1 Chronicles 21:13 Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

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1 Chronicles 21:7-13 Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful (fearful, dreadful, terrible, terrifying) thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

7But God was displeased with this thing, and he struck Israel. 8And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." 9And the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 10"Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you; choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'" 11So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Choose what you will: 12either three years of famine, or three months of devastation by your foes while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, pestilence on the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me." 13Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."xxx

Slide 18) Part 4) Slide 18) Part 4 Deut. 18: 20-22

We Are Not To Fear False Prophets Who Provide Fake News!

John 8:26 “.... But the One who sent Me is truthful, and what I have heard from Him, I tell the world.”

Deut 18: 20-22

20But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, orf who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ 21And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’ — 22when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Prophets in the O.T. Had Both A Short Term & A Long Term Vision

Isaiah addressed the immediate situation of Israel being confronted with a vast Assyrian Army, and he prophecies in **Isaiah 17:14** 14At evening time, behold, terror! Before morning, they are no more! This is the portion of those who loot us, and the lot of those who plunder us. This prophecy was fulfilled in **Isaiah 37:36** That night the angel of the LORD went out to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. When the surviving Assyrians woke up the next morning, they found corpses everywhere.

- This also is recorded in **2 Kings 19:35** (ESV) And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.
- **2 Chronicles 32:21**... And the LORD sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and officers in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he came into the house

of his god, some of his own sons struck him down there with the sword.

- The Prophetic Proposition is — if the prophets short term/ immediate prophecy come true, we can trust their long term one to be reliable.

Deut 18:22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

The reason God in vs. 22 God does not want us to be afraid of a false prophet who’s “word does not come to pass or come true” is ...

when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

False Prophets Presume Against God

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Presume = (Webster’s 1828 & PEW) — 1. To form confident or arrogant opinions that are baseless, without God’s anointing or prompting; with on or upon, before the cause of confidence. 2. To take or suppose to be true or entitled to belief, without examination or positive proof, or on the strength of probability.

(Slide 19) False Prophets Presume by Presenting a Merit They’ve no Authority To Claim

They thus act proudly or presumptuously or rebelliously against God Who will hold them accountable!

False Prophets Promote Abominations by ...

- ascribing the characteristics of deity to things that are **NOT** the **TRINITY** (God, Jesus, Holy Spirit)
- suckering people into Satanic supernatural experiences

- claiming to represent the God of the Bible
- asserting to speak for the God of the Bible
- misrepresenting the way of salvation
- providing generalized information that can apply to various situations

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(Slide 20) False Prophets Promote F-E-A-R = False Evidence Appearing Real

False Prophets Promote the Politics that POLLUTE Paradise!

False Prophets Provoke Polytheistic (Idol) Worship That Weakens Society

- Politicians who devalue, debunk & vote in opposition to what the Bible teaches
- TV Personalities, who promote sin as progressive liberties
- Purveyors of unBiblical “Christianity” & religions that violate God’s Ten Cmd’s
- Psychics, card readers, fortune tellers, mediums

The media **MAGNIFIES** these voices!

God Is So Serious About How He Is Represented That He Mandates Corporal Punishment for anyone misrepresenting Him because ...

- people’s salvation is resting on their confidence in God
- false prophets lead so many people to destruction
- false prophets give people a false sense of security
- the activities of false prophets can have eternal consequences
- He doesn’t want us to fear purging false prophets from our midst

Slide 21)“God Requires Us To Recognize The Prophet He Raises Up”

Fear = Fear (Deeply REVERE) the Lord – Not False Prophets

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Psalm 111:10)

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Psalm 112:1-6

1a Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!
 2His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. 3Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. 4Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. 5It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. 6For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. 7He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. 8His heart is steady;b he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries

Ps. 112:1-6 Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commands!

- 2His offspring & generation will be **MIGHTY**
- 6The righteous will never be **Moved**
- 7He is **UNAFRAID** of bad news; his heart is firm

Thus Jesus says in Matt 10:28 & Luke 12:4-5, fear not those who can **KILL** the **BODY**, but Him who has **AUTHORITY** over your **SOULS**.

Matt 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Luke 12;4-5 4“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. 5But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell.a Yes, I tell you, fear him!

John 15:21 But they will treat you like this because of My name, since they do not know the One who sent Me.

John 16:3 They will do these things because they have not known the Father or Me.

1 John 2:23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father, but whoever confesses the Son has the Father as well.

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Matthew 10:28

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

We don't have to fear any false prophets pronouncement of death which includes

- The sustainability lie that God's environment cannot sustain us. See Gen 8:22 where God promises us the continual change of seasons “22While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”
- God tells us in Gen 1:28-31He has multiplied the animals, vegetation and everything He has placed on the earth “28And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of

the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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- God tells us in Gen 8:17 the animals will multiply to provide all man needs: “Bring out all the living creatures that are with you--birds, livestock, and everything that crawls upon the ground--so that they can spread out over the earth and be fruitful and multiply upon it.”
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- The world is going to over populate which contradicts God's command for us to be fruitful and multiply per Gen 1:22 Genesis 1:22

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.



Slide 22) Let's Pray 1

Lord God, thank You for sending Christ to die the substitutionary death for our sins.

Please work in us by the power of Your Holy Spirit, so we can Live Like Levites, who can serve You and walk by faith through every situation in life.



Mark's Introduction To Today's Scripture Reading

Tonight we continue our series "Investigating The Insights of Isaiah, and will be in chapter 63, with a message about "What God Starts In Grace Must Be Maintained By Us Relying Upon And Resting In God's Grace."

Before Pastor Earl lead us through Isaiah 63, let's read its 18 verses together from the slides on the screen.

As we read today's Scripture slides, I'll read the slide headers, and then we'll read the passages together.

