









Scripture Text

Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are Ravenous Wolves."







TYPES OF WOLVES







The wolf and the domestic dog has many similarities.







- □ Rapacious aggressively greedy or grasping
 - □ Avaricious extreme greed for wealth or material gain
 - □ Predatory seeking to exploit or oppress others

 denoting an animal preying [to hunt,
 catch or seize] on other animals
 - ☐ Money grubbing overeager to make money, grasping
 - □ Covetous having or showing a great desire to possess something





- ☐ Materialistic excessively concerned with material possessions
- □ Ravenous extremely hungry or greedy for food, for satisfaction or gratification
 - ☐ Voracious wanting or devouring great quantities of food
 - Wolfish resembling or acting like a wolf as being rapacious, voracious or ravenous





☐ Ferocious or Vicious – savagely fierce, cruel or violent



WHO COME
TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING,
BUT INWARDLY ARE
RAVENOUS WOLVES.











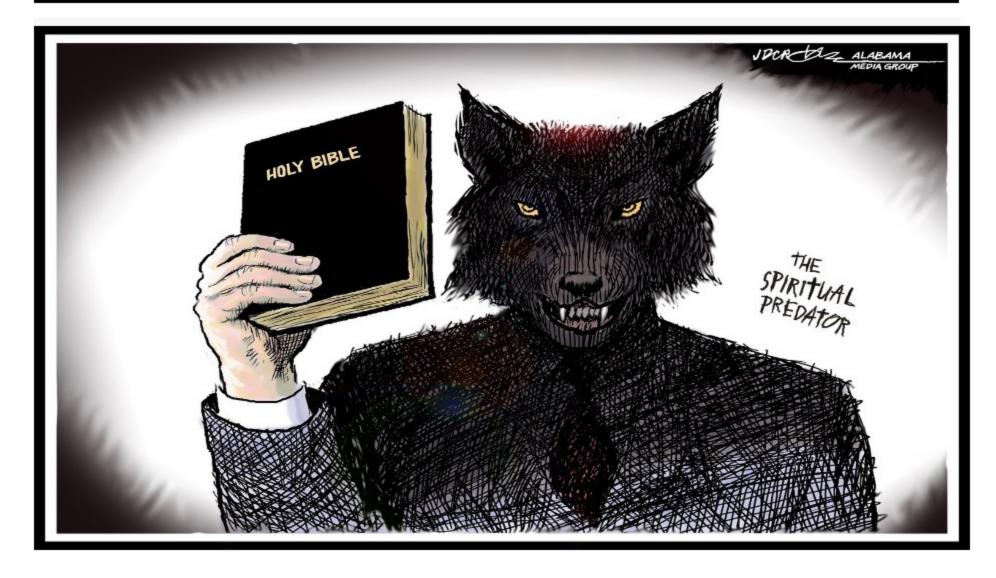


















- Matthew24:11
- "And many false prophets shall rise, and deceive many"







Acts 20:28, 29

"Therefore, take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He has purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure Grievous [savage, fierce, cruel, hurtful] Wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock."





Acts 20:30

"Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them."





2 Corinthians 11:4

"For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the JESUS we preached, or if you receive a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it [tolerate it] easily enough."





Galatians 1:8

"But even if we, or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed."







Why did Paul call these false prophets, false preachers, false teachers, Wolves?





John 10:12

"He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them."







Matthew 10:16

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Luke 10:3

"Go, behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves."





1 Peter 5:8

"Be sober, be watchful, because your adversary [your enemy] the devil is walking around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour [destroy]."





Plautus Quote

**** Where there are sheep, the wolves are never far away****





Ezekiel 22:27

"Your princes [officials, leaders] within you are like wolves ravening or tearing their prey [their victims], shedding blood, destroying lives or souls for dishonest gain or money."





























Scriptures

2 Corinthians 11:12-15

2 Peter 2:1, 18





Beware of those wolves or false teaches in the church. Tim Challies, an author and teacher on YouTube referred to them by seven names.

- The Heretic 2 Peter 2:1
- The Charlatan 1 Timothy 6:3-5
- The False Prophet 1 John 4:1
- The Abuser Jude 4
- The Divider Jude 18-19
- The Speculator Titus 3:9
- The Tickler 2 Timothy 4:3, 4





Three things you can do to spot false prophets, false preachers and teachers.

- Study the bible for yourself
- Check their doctrine
- Be a fruit inspector





Closing

The real enemy of the church comes from within, not from other religions, not from Islam, not from Mormons, not from Jehovah's Witnesses, not from the Buddhists, but from wolves in sheep clothing.

The closer we are to the Shepherd, JESUS, the safer we are from the wolves.



2 John