

OUR SECURITY SYSTEM

Matthew 7:15-23

INTRODUCTION: We place different security systems in our homes, businesses, cars and even in our churches. These security systems are meant to protect us from harm and theft. Most would believe we would be poor stewards of our God's resources if we did not put those security systems in place. However, the most important security system ever developed is very under utilized by most people.

I. GOD'S ETERNAL SPIRITUAL SECURITY SYSTEM!

Our Lord Jesus tells us about God's eternal security system in Matthew 7:15-23. The reason our Lord Jesus gave us these two warnings is that there is danger! Our Lord's eternal security system is guaranteed to protect our minds, our emotions and our souls. Matthew 7:15. Our Lord is called "The Good Shepherd" because He cares for His sheep. Jesus warns us that in His church there will be false prophets. Matthew 5:1-2: Matthew 5-7 is what is called the "Sermon on the Mount." It is bad when the unsaved don't know about God's eternal security system but when even his disciples don't know about it, the results are tragic. Matthew 7:15-16. When false prophets teach contrary to Christ's clear teaching we had better beware. Some try to tell us not to judge those who claim to be Christ's prophets and will twist Scripture to prove their point: Matthew 7:1. Hebrews 5:11-14; 2 Timothy 2:15. As we study God's Word our mind, our intuition, and the Spirit of God will help us discern the truth.

II. GOD'S ETERNAL SECURITY SYSTEM AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS!

2 Peter 2:1-3: We must ask if those teaching us are trying to draw us closer to Jesus' teachings and Person or are they trying to get me to follow their own teachings? Jesus said we are His sheep. Now no matters whose sheep you are sheep are not the smartest animals and they are easily led astray and wind up being eaten. Romans 16:17-20. Both false prophets and false teachers have an association with Satan who is a liar. 2 Corinthians 11:3-6; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 Peter 5:8-9. We resist Satan and his ferocious wolves by applying God's eternal security system to our lives. Our God has provided all we need to live securely in this present life if we will just put it into practice in our daily lives: 2 Peter 1:3-11.

III. THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US!

Who are the most vulnerable to false prophets and false teachers: who are those who are in the most danger today? First would be new believers in Jesus Christ. New Christians need to be taught quickly to get into a doctrinally strong church. Preaching in many of the New Age churches will keep new believers babies for years. 2 Timothy 4:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20. People who have unresolved guilt in their lives are also easy for false teachers and prophets to lead astray. Sin in a Christian's life will make them stupid: 1 John 1:8-10; Proverbs 28:13-14; Psalm 66:16-20. Then those who have heard the truth but chose to reject the truth: 2 Peter 2:18-22. If we want to be under God's eternal security system we must first; feast on God's Word! Psalm 119:9-11; Psalm 119:105. Second we must learn to walk in the Spirit: John 16:12-15. Third we must allow God to instruct our conscience: Hebrews 10:22. Forth God has given us a will to choose to walk in His truth! Philippians 2:12-16; Matthew 7:21-23.