

AVOIDING FALSE TEACHERS

BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS

ROMANS 16:17

"I APPEAL TO YOU, BROTHERS, TO WATCH OUT FOR THOSE WHO CAUSE DIVISIONS AND CREATE OBSTACLES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT. AVOID THEM."

RETURNING TO THE BOOK OF ROMANS, WE PICK UP IN ROMANS 16:17. PAUL HAS JUST FINISHED HIS EXTENSIVE GREETINGS TO THE GENTILES IN ROME, AND IN THIS PASSAGE, HE BEGINS A WARNING ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS. THE WARNING LASTS FOR SEVERAL VERSES AND SEEMS TO COME ALMOST OUT OF NOWHERE, AS THE APOSTLE EXPLAINS THE TRUE GOSPEL THAT ALONE IS THE DEFENSE

AGAINST ERROR, BUT HE DOES NOT MENTION ANY FALSE TEACHERS SPECIFICALLY UNTIL THE END OF THE LETTER.

PAUL'S APPARENTLY SUDDEN TURN TO THE MATTER OF FALSE TEACHERS IS NOT ACTUALLY SUDDEN AT ALL. WE KNOW FROM HIS OTHER LETTERS, SUCH AS GALATIANS, THAT THE APOSTLE FREQUENTLY HAD TO COMBAT PREACHERS OF ERROR THAT HAD INFILTRATED THE CHURCHES TO WHICH HE WROTE. SINCE ROME WAS THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE EMPIRE, IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT SUCH TEACHERS WOULD MAKE THEIR WAY TO THAT IMPORTANT METROPOLIS, AND PAUL DID NOT WANT THE GENTILES THERE TO BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD. AS FOR WHY PAUL DOES NOT MENTION THE DANGER OF FALSE TEACHERS UNTIL HE IS ALMOST FINISHED WITH HIS LETTER, SOME COMMENTATORS SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT YET IN THE CITY, AND SO THE CONCERN WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY PRESSING. OTHERS SPECULATE THAT MAYBE PAUL HEARD ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS IN ROME ONLY AFTER HE HAD STARTED WRITING, SO HE PUTS THE WARNING AT THE END BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE HE WAS IN THE WRITING PROCESS.

THE APOSTLE'S ADMONITION IS THE SAME ONE THAT HE GAVE TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS, NAMELY, TO BE ON THEIR GUARD AGAINST THE FALSE TEACHERS WHO MIGHT INFILTRATE THE FLOCK

ROMANS 16: 17

17 " NOW I BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED; AND AVOID THEM. "

ACTS 20:29-31

29 "FOR I KNOW THIS, THAT AFTER MY DEPARTING SHALL GRIEVOUS WOLVES ENTER IN AMONG YOU, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK.

30 ALSO OF YOUR OWN SELVES SHALL MEN ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS, TO DRAW AWAY DISCIPLES AFTER THEM.

31 THEREFORE WATCH, AND REMEMBER, THAT BY THE SPACE OF THREE YEARS I CEASED NOT TO WARN EVERY ONE NIGHT AND DAY WITH TEARS."

PAUL WARNS THAT THESE FALSE TEACHERS WILL ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE THE CHURCH AND WILL INTRODUCE OBSTACLES THAT ARE CONTRARY TO TRUE DOCTRINE *THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DOES THIS TODAY). HE HAS SERIOUS ERROR IN MIND, FOR THE WORD OBSTACLE IN THE GREEK CONNOTES A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM THAT WILL RESULT IN DAMNATION IF IT TAKES ROOT IN A PERSON'S LIFE. THE APOSTLE WANTS HIS AUDIENCE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT THOSE WHO WOULD DIVIDE PROFESSING CHRISTIANS WHO AFFIRM THE TRUE APOSTOLIC FAITH AND TO LOOK OUT FOR THOSE WHO TEACH SOUL-DAMNING DOCTRINE.

FALSE TEACHING WAS BY NO MEANS A PROBLEM LIMITED TO THE EARLY CHURCH; IT IS SOMETHING WE FACE TODAY. WE MUST TAKE CARE NOT TO DIVIDE OVER NONESSENTIAL MATTERS, BUT WE CAN HAVE UNITY WITH OTHER PROFESSING BELIEVERS ONLY INsofar AS THEY STAND FOR THE GOSPEL

ROMANS 14:1

1 "HIM THAT IS WEAK IN THE FAITH RECEIVE YE, BUT NOT TO DOUBTFUL DISPUTATIONS."

ROMANS 15:7

7 "WHEREFORE RECEIVE YE ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST ALSO RECEIVED US TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

GALATIANS 1:8-9

8 BUT THOUGH WE, OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU THAN THAT WHICH WE HAVE PREACHED UNTO YOU, LET HIM BE ACCURSED.

9 AS WE SAID BEFORE, SO SAY I NOW AGAIN, IF ANY MAN PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU THAN THAT YE HAVE RECEIVED, LET HIM BE ACCURSED.

JOHN CALVIN COMMENTS,

"IT IS INDEED AN IMPIOUS AND SACRILEGIOUS ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE THOSE WHO AGREE IN THE TRUTH OF CHRIST: BUT YET IT IS A SHAMEFUL SOPHISTRY TO DEFEND, UNDER THE PRETEXT OF PEACE AND UNITY, A UNION IN LIES AND IMPIOUS DOCTRINES."

CORAM DEO

"BEFORE THE FACE OF GOD"

NO MATTER HOW BIBLICALLY FAITHFUL ITS CONFESSION AND CREEDS, NO CHURCH OR DENOMINATION IS IMMUNE FROM FALSE TEACHERS. IF CHURCH LEADERS WILL NOT KEEP WATCH OVER THEIR MINISTERS AND FLOCKS, IF CONGREGATIONS REFUSE TO BE ON WATCH FOR ERROR, IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE FALSEHOOD TAKES ROOT AND GROWS UNCHECKED LIKE A CANCER. LEADERS AND LAYPEOPLE ALIKE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING SURE THEIR CHURCHES REMAIN UNITED IN THE TRUTH (THE LAW) OF THE GOSPEL. THIS IS WHERE THE WATCHMEN COME IN, WE

ARE HERE TO WARN THE THOSE FOLLOWING FALSE DOCTRINES OF MAN. WE ARE ON A RECUE MISSION TO PULL AS MANY AS MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM THESE FALSE RELIGIONS WORSHIPPING THE GENTILE LITTLE G GOD'S. WE WERE WARNED ABOUT THIS OVER AND OVER, THAT THEY WOULD BE WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, OR TARES WITHIN THE WHEAT. THE FALSE TEACHERS ARE EVERYWHERE WHETHER THEY ARE TEACHING YOU A FALSE RAPTURE, NO BAPTISM, A FAKE VIRGIN BIRTH, KEEPING FEAST DAYS, THE LAWS ARE DONE AWAY, IT'S ALL THE SAME. IT IS THE SPREADING OF FALSE DOCTRINE MADE UP BY MAN TO SEDUCE YOU INTO THESE SATANIC RELIGIONS WITH THEIR SMOOTH EAR TICKLING WORDS, THEY WILL TURN THEIR DEAF EARS TO THE LAW.

2 TIMOTHY 4: 3-4

3 FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE, BUT AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS SHALL THEY HEAR TO THEMSELVES TEACHERS, HAVING ITCHING EARS,

4 AND THEY SHALL TURN AWAY THEIR EARS FROM THE TRUTH AND SHALL BE TURNED UNTO FABLES.

COME OUT OF FALSE DOCTRINE MY PEOPLE

SPREADING THE TRUTH, THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH!

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

"BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME, EVEN AS I ALSO AM OF CHRIST".

PROVE ALL THINGS

STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO AHAYAH

ALL PRAISES TO THE MOST HIGH GOD

AHAYAH ASHAR AHAYAH BAHASHEM YASHAYAH

FRANK CHAVEZ
TRIBE OF ISSACHAR
12 TRIBES 1 NATION FOR ALL

ACTS 17:26

"AND HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS OF MEN FOR TO DWELL ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND HATH DETERMINED THE TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED, AND THE BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATION"

REPENT **EVERYONE WANTS TO HEAR** **REPENT**
SINNER **THAT CHRIST LOVES THEM** **SINNER**
AND HE DIED FOR THEIR SINS.
ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR
THAT THEY NEED TO TURN FROM THEIR
REPENT **SINS AND FOLLOW THE LAW!** **REPENT**
SINNER **REPENT OR PERISH** **SINNER**

FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND