

Fusion Q's – 1 John: Light Over Darkness Test Everything

Discussion Questions

- Q1. What is a prophet? Do you think there are modern-day prophets?
- Q2. How can you tell if something someone is saying is from God or from Satan? Is there another option? Explain.
- Q3. Have you ever considered that "greater is He who is you than he that is in the world"? How should this affect the way you view the forces of evil?
- READ the 3 passages of Scripture for this discussion**
- Q4. According to Jeremiah, what is the main problem with a false prophet? What do false prophets try and do? What do you think they're motives are?
[Leader: "I have not sent them"; trick people; if someone is not sent from God, they are sent from Satan – deceit is his weapon]
- Q5. Peter seem pretty harsh in his description of false teachers. Why do you think God sees false teacher this way?
- Q6. Why do you think "many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality"?
- Q7. What does Jesus mean when he says you can identify a false teacher by their "fruit"? How are actions related to people's belief claims?
- Q8. How can you make sure you do not start to believe false teaching in the future?

BIBLE TEXTS

Jeremiah 29:8-9 (NLT)

⁸ This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, ⁹ because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the Lord.

2 Peter 2:1-3; 17-19 (NLT)

But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. ³ In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

¹⁷ These people are as useless as dried-up springs or as mist blown away by the wind. They are doomed to blackest darkness. ¹⁸ They brag about themselves with empty, foolish boasting. With an appeal to twisted sexual desires, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of deception. ¹⁹ They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you.

Matthew 7:15-20 (NLT)

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. ¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.