

God's Mercy and the Devil's Grace Part 4 of 6: False Prophets of God in the Church (Presented in 2016)

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Today we are going to continue on our theme God's Mercy and the Devil's Grace. In part three, we really started to turn the focus and put emphasis on the latter part of this title, the Devil's Grace. We even got into a little bit of history. We are going to continue to dig into this ugly little topic further, and I want to do this because of how prevalent this message is today among us.

The Devil's grace message is prevalent and being peddled at an all-time high. What is frightening to me is the Church is receiving this message with open arms. The enemy has come in and is peddling the message of death, but he has cloaked it ever so carefully with the terms of God's mercy, God's grace, His love, and His compassion. However, if you go to the inner core of what's really being taunting, you find out it is producing death. So we are going to bring some further clarity to this issue.

What I am really seeking to do is give you the tools necessary to be able to identify and distinguish the difference between God's mercy and the Devil's grace. I can tell you that to the untrained eye and someone who is not in an intimate relationship with the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit, in that the Spirit is not flowing through them, they cannot make the distinction. The Devil's mercy looks exactly like God's mercy; the Devil's grace like God's grace, and they don't even know that. So we're going to dig into this, and this is pretty intense stuff.

Let's go to 2 Corinthians 11:4—**For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!** I want to begin by saying Paul is very careful in constructing this passage. He was very intentional in the construct in taking you from A-Z through the faith. Everything the apostles of Yeshua, who are the witness of His resurrection, who went out proclaiming the truth and every aspect of who He is, Paul covers. Paul tells us, "If you deviate at all, if you accept a different Yeshua, if you accept a different spirit, if you accept a different message or any part of the faith is deviated from, you may well put up with it. Do you know what that means? It means you will reap what you sow. Paul sends out this warning.

Moving to 2 Corinthians 11:13—**For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ (emphasis added).** They are not coming to us as apostles of the god Mirtha, Baal, Nehushtan, or Buddha. They are coming in the name of Jesus, Yeshua. This is how they come to you. Are you starting to feel the weight and gravity of where this is going?

He continues in 2 Corinthians 11:14-15—**¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of**

righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. Think about that. They are coming proclaiming Yeshua as LORD and Savior. They come to proclaim hope. They are bringing a message of salvation and righteousness, and yet Paul says—whose end will be according to their works. These are men who allure and seduced believers in Yeshua to accept things that are contrary to the Word of God.

To top it all off, and this is the worst part of all of this, when these people go out and do this they are adored. They are loved. Look at what Yeshua said in Luke 6:2—Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets. Yeshua was given a little history lesson of the faith of Israel. This is how Israel responded to false prophets. They love them. They revered and adored them. They lifted them up. These false prophets were even protected within the body.

When you have these kinds of people going forth placating your emotions, it is a setup. You are being set up to be destroyed. Know this; if these false teachers, false prophets, are not identified quickly, there will be nothing left in the community. If these guys are allowed to do what they do best, there will be nothing but a massacre.

Think about what Paul says in Acts 20:29—For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. How many times have we been warned about these kinds of men in Scripture? The Bible is riddled with these warnings.

Think about Yeshua's ministry. What does Yeshua say in Matthew 24:11? Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. It doesn't say some; it says many will rise up. He continues in Matthew 24:24—For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Put that into context. Yeshua is telling you the deception is so great even those who have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life, who bear the Holy Spirit inside of them, if it were possible, even they would be deceived. I have scoured the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and I have yet to find someone articulate it with more intensity than Yeshua did. He tells us this deception will be so great even the elect would be taken into it if that were possible. Wrap your mind around that.

We go on to read this in 2 Peter 2:1—¹ But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you (emphasis added). This is not talking about the world. He is not describing people in the world. We are looking for them inside the Church. We are looking for them inside the assembly, and Peter tells us to beware because false teachers are going to be among you.

So what are these false teachers going to do? Peter tells us in the very next part of the sentence of 2 Peter 2:1—who will secretly bring in destructive heresies. I want you to think about that for a second. We have false prophets within the Church, but what they do they do secretly. This is not open. Covertly they weave in a tapestry of false doctrine and heretical ideologies. And here's the kicker; nobody's recognizing it. Nobody has seen it. This is the level of deception.

Peter goes on in 2 Peter 2:1—even denying the LORD who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. I always take the opportunity to stop here, so you understand Peter's context. What he just said is the exact same context of what Paul speaks to Titus about in the book of Titus 1:16—They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for

every good work. So they deny Him by these actions. That is the same context of what we just read in Matthew 24.

We continue in 2 Peter 2:2—² **And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.** This again is the same thing Yeshua told us. He didn't say some; He said many.

I want to point out something here, and this is something that is very important. These terms we see used over and over again in Scripture such as a false prophet or false teacher are titles given when we read them in a state of conclusion. In other words, when you're actively involved in experiencing this, guess what? The false prophets don't come to you with name badges. They don't say, "Oh, thank you for inviting me to your community. I'm a false prophet. Let me introduce you to my friend. He's a false teacher. Where is your prayer room?" That is not how they present themselves.

One of the ways we really deceive ourselves is through our preconceived notions regarding how a false prophet looks. When some guy comes into a church with tattoos up his arm; we label him as a false prophet. Someone who has piercings all over themselves is obviously a false prophet. Someone wearing a Mega Death t-shirt is a false prophet. This is where our preconceived notions take us. However, let me tell you something. The men who the Bible, Yeshua, Peter, and Paul are talking about are men who go out with titles. They tell us, "We are servants of the Most High. We are disciples of Yeshua. We follow the King of the Jews. That's who we are, and that's what we profess." These are the titles these men carry. They carry titles like Man of God. They are seen as a real man of God or a prophet of God.

So what's my point? My point is these false prophets are not easy to spot; they don't come with name tags. They don't come proclaiming themselves as false prophets or false teachers. What they come with is typically a boatload of support and a boatload of character that is perceived as being righteous. That is how these men come to us. That is when things get really scary because that's a game changer. That is where you realize you need to do an audit on your salvation. You need to test yourself to see if you are in the faith? Have you allowed people to sneak into your life and teach you a lot of things, and have you been Bereans? Do you make sure the things spoken to you are biblically true? Are these things true? It's a frightening thought just to think about that.

We could have two prolific men in this community, or any other community, and both are highly revered and highly esteemed as men of God. People have seen the LORD has done marvelous things through these two men only to find out that one is a heretic, and the other is authentic. That to me is a scary thought.

I am going to tell you something. This is a reality we're living in today, and this is why the Bible spends so much time dealing with this issue. This is why the Bible does an amazing job of warning us if we're just willing to pay attention.

Keep this in mind. You do not have the capability in and of yourself to identify the truth from the fiction. You do not have the ability in and of yourself to know who is truly speaking from the LORD and who is an impostor. That ability only comes through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. If you separate yourself from Yeshua and the Word of God, I promise you that you are a prime candidate for deception.

Let me put this into context for you. It is amazing how the LORD spends so much time in the New Testament warning us about false prophets and false teachers. Yeshua does; so does Paul. Even James in his short epistle warns us. But the Tanakh is filled with information and wondrous wisdom on protecting ourselves from the imposters, and it does this through various ways including through amazing stories.

So I want to share this story with you from 1 Kings. Let me set the stage. This is a tale of two prophets. Both of these men we are going to look at are both prophets of God. So let's go to 1 Kings 13:1—**And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.** Now before we go further, there's something I need to help you with otherwise it could be confusing. Neither of these two prophets mentioned in 1 Kings 13 have a name. They instead bear titles. The first prophet we are reading about here is called the man of God, and he's called the man of God throughout the story. The next prophet we're going to read about is called the old prophet or prophet from Bethel. So here we are introduced to the first prophet whose name is the man of God.

Moving on to 1 Kings 13:2—**Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you.' "**

I want to give you a little backdrop to help you appreciate the story. Solomon received the kingdom in its entirety. When he sinned, the LORD stripped him of his kingdom. The LORD reserved a portion of Judah, but He gave ten tribes to one of his highly decorated servants. This was the one who was the officer of all the labor force of the house of Joseph. His name was Jeroboam. Jeroboam received what we now call the Northern Kingdom or the Kingdom of Israel. The southern kingdom remained under Solomon's son, Rehoboam.

Well, Jeroboam did something. He built two altars. On the map, you will notice Bethel where our story takes place. You will notice it is literally on the border of Judah and Israel. It is not a coincidence Jeroboam decided to build an altar there because what he was telling the people of Israel was it was too far for them to go to Jerusalem even though it was just south of Bethel. So he set up a temple; however, in the Torah, it clearly states that we can't sacrifice anywhere other than Jerusalem. Yet Jeroboam sets up this temple, and this is the primary temple. He sets up the second one in Dan, but the primary temple is Bethel. That is where the majority of Israel is going to sacrifice.

So this is a very wicked thing Jeroboam did. Torah commands the people to go to Jerusalem, but Jeroboam didn't want this cross-contamination of Israel with Judah. He obviously recognized there were two separate kingdoms, and this is about



protecting his kingdom.

So that is a little backdrop as to why the LORD has sent this man of God, this prophet, to Bethel where this false altar had been set up, and they were making sacrifices on it. He was sent to speak against it. This is where we continue in 1 Kings 13:3-4—³ And he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out." ⁴ So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Arrest him!" Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered, so that he could not pull it back to himself.

Think about that. The anointing is so heavy upon this man of God that when Jeroboam merely stretches out his hand and gives the command that the man of God should be arrested, the wrath of God comes upon him instantly and shrivels up his hand. Think about the fear Jeroboam experienced at that moment. Then we find as we continue in the passage—**The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD (1 Kings 13:5).** There is no question this guy is a true prophet.

Continuing on in 1 Kings 13:6-10—⁶ Then the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please entreat the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and became as before. ⁷ Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward." ⁸ But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place. ⁹ For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.' " ¹⁰ So he went another way and did not return by the way he came to Bethel.

It is very critical we recognize that God gave him three commandments regarding being in Bethel. Number one, he was not to eat there. Number two, he was not to drink there. Number three, he was to leave Bethel by a different path from the path he had come there. These three are very straightforward. These are the commandments of the LORD upon the prophet of the Living God.

Now we continue in 1 Kings 13:11—**Now an old prophet [this is a different prophet] dwelt in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king.** You need to understand this because it's critical to this story. This old prophet had sons who were in Bethel watching all of this unfold at the altar that Jeroboam built. They saw his hand had withered; but more importantly, they heard the words of the man of God that He spoke to King Jeroboam. They were the words regarding the directive that the man of God was not allowed to eat or drink in Bethel, and he had to find a different way home. The sons of the old prophet come and tell him everything. So at this point, the old prophet knows everything regarding the whole scenario.

Moving to 1 Kings 13:12—¹² And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" For his sons had seen which way the man of God went who came from Judah. ¹³ Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it, ¹⁴ and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am." ¹⁵ Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

Here is a problem. Where does the old prophet live? He lives in Bethel which is the very place God had

commanded, forbade, the man of God to go eat or drink. What does this old prophet do? He invites the man of God to come home with him to eat with him. Let's take this a step further. What does the old prophet know? The old prophet knows what God had commanded the man of God, and yet he's asking the man of God to do this. Try to wrap your mind around what's actually happening here.

Moving on to 1 Kings 13:16-17—¹⁶ And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. ¹⁷ For I have been told by the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.' " So when this old prophet comes and tried to deter the man of God from the commands of God, how does the man of God respond? Absolutely incredibly. He holds fast. He said, "No, no, no, no. This is what the LORD has commanded me. I cannot do that."

Now, pay very close attention because this is how the adversary works in general. The adversary does not give up on you just because you resisted temptation one time. Do not think he is not going to come back or manifest in a different form because he will. As we continue in the story, we're going to see this happening. Even though the man of God told the old prophet no, he doesn't give up. He comes back again. Listen to what he said in 1 Kings 13:18—He [the old prophet] said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are. I want to stop here because I want you to understand something. The man of God tells him no. What does the old prophet do? He ups the ante. He wants to change the man of God's perspective. He tells the man of God, "Listen to me. I too am a prophet exactly like you are." If you think this didn't resonate with the man of God, you'd be sorely mistaken.

This is something you take very seriously. When there are authentic men of God moving about speaking, you listen. Do you remember when Samuel came to Bethlehem, and the elders came trembling in fear because Samuel had come? What did they ask? They asked Samuel, "Do you speak peaceably to us?" They were scared to death of what was going to come out of his mouth.

You need to understand the intensity of the context of this whole process. The old prophet speaks and tells the man of God that he is a prophet too. Then the old prophet goes on to say in 1 Kings 13:18—and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.' " (He was lying to him.) This is what the old prophet tells him.

How does the man of God respond this time? Not so well. 1 Kings 13:9-20—¹⁹ So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water. ²⁰ Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back. In other words, the actual word of the LORD is coming to the old prophet. This is what the LORD said through the old prophet in 1 Kings 13:21-22—²¹ and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, ²² but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.' "

Can you imagine being the man of God and sitting there hearing this? He probably would have said, "Wait a second. You are a prophet. You told me the LORD said to you I was supposed to come back here. Now you're going to prophesy against me and tell me my corpse is not going to come to the to my father's?" As you continue to read the story, that's exactly what happened. His corpse does not come to the tomb of his father's because on the way, a lion meets him and kills him.

His being killed that way was a peculiar event. It really would not have been a question whether this was the word of the LORD or not that this old prophet spoke. He spoke by the word of LORD because when they found the man of God, they found him between a lion and the donkey he was riding. No harm had come to the donkey. The lion killed the man and was just sitting there. When the old prophet heard what had happened, he said, "Because the man of God did not obey the commandments of the LORD, this is what has happened."

Talk about deception. Don't think you are beyond it. Don't think you're so intellectual and have such street smarts it could never ever happen to you because you're already deceived if you believe that. We cannot take a cavalier approach to spiritual warfare regarding testing and temptations. This is especially true because I read in Scripture that authentic prophets of the Living God are being taken out by deception. He was an authentic prophet, and he was deceived.

You look at this level the deception, and you come to the point where you just back off and say, "What do we do? How do we protect ourselves when even righteous and holy men of God are being taken down? How do we know whether what he's speaking is from the LORD or not?"

Well, let me begin to share with you the reality of that matter. I want to do so in a very interesting way. I want to take you to the caves of Qumran because in the caves of Qumran there was a fragment found that discusses this whole context in the sense of how we know whether a man of God is a true prophet or if in general, a prophet is truly speaking by the LORD. Is he speaking the truth or of himself? How do we make that determination?

I want to show you what the fragment says. This piece was found in the fourth cave and is marked 4Q375—*But any prophet who arises to urge you [to apostasy, to turn] you from following your God must be put to death.* That makes sense because what is said there is from Torah. There is no deep revelation there. It continues—*Yet if the tribe to [which] he belongs comes forward and argues, "He must not be executed, for he is a righteous man, he is a [trust] worthy prophet," then you are to come with that tribe and your elders and judges to the place that your God shall choose in one of the territories of your tribes. You are to come before [the priest] who has been anointed, upon whose head has been poured the anointing oil.*

I want to stop and paint the picture here. The situation they're dealing with is a prophet who spoke according to the name of the LORD. But then one group rises and cried, "Foul. He is not speaking the words of the LORD." Then there's a big ruckus, and the members of his tribe come to his aid and say, "We know this guy. We know for a fact he is righteous. We have witnessed it. We have been with him. He is an authentic prophet." It is at this point they are instructed to take the discussion to the High Priest who has been anointed with the anointing oil.

Here is where it gets interesting. The fragment talks about how the first thing the priest does is sacrifice a bull, ram, and so forth. Finally, he comes to a goat, and the goat is sacrificed for the whole assembly. This is what we read—*Afterwards, [he is to sprinkle some of the blood] before the curtain [of the veil, then dra]w near to the Ark of the Testimony. There he shall study [all the commandments of] the LORD, comparing all the [Laws] that have been ke[pt sec]ret from you (4Q375, Frag. 1 Col. 2, The Dead Sea Scrolls. Michael Wise, Martin Abegg, Jr., and Edward Cook).*

This is absolutely phenomenal! To make the distinction whether or not the prophet is speaking according to the Word of the LORD, the priest makes the sacrifices, and then he retreats to the Word of God and scours the Torah to know if the things the prophet is speaking line up with Scripture. That is how we are to identify fact from fiction, and that agrees with the writer of Hebrews—**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).**

This is the power of the Word of God. It can literally cut a paper in half sideways. It is a discerner of thoughts and intent. Jeremiah 17:9 tell us—**The heart is more deceitful than all else. And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?**

You do not want to rely on your emotions or what you think or feel is right. If you do that, you are catering to your emotions. Let me tell you; some emotions do not dictate truth. They do not dictate the Word of God. If you rely on emotions, you are going to fall into deception. I promise you the heart is deceitful above all things, but the Word of God will come and casts light. That is what the Word of God is. It is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

Look at what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:32—**And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.** In other words, when a prophet goes out and says, “Thus says the LORD,” or someone comes up to you and says, “I have a word for you. The LORD gave me a word of knowledge for you. Here it is my brother.” That word needs to pass the test—**And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.** Do you know what that statement means in the eyes of a Jew? According to Paul, what that means is the entirety of the Tanakh. It is all the prophets. What are the writings of Moses? We call them Torah. No! Moses was a prophet of the living God—**And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**

Speaking of Torah. If we want to learn something about making identification of prophets, the Torah does a marvelous job of attacking the issue. Going to Deuteronomy 18:20—**the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.** I want to be very clear on something here; it doesn't just say if somebody comes to you in the name of Baal, Nehushtan, or some other false god. That does not constitute what a false prophet is. It absolutely falls under the under the category, but what did God say? **Speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak.** This goes back to Deuteronomy 4 and Proverbs 30 where we are instructed not to add or take away from God's Word.

Now we're talking about theology. Now we're talking about doctrine and the commandments of the Living God. This is what we're dealing with, and this is not just talking about talking to some other gods.

The other thing you need to understand is this is more deceptive than one Israelite saying to another Israelite, “Let's go follow this other god.” What we are finding from archeological evidence are little artifacts and inscriptions on doors that say, “Blessed be you Yahovah and His Ashura.” They bring a Canaanite goddess, Ashura, into the mix to join with Yahovah, the God of Israel. Apparently, He needs a wife.

That context is a lot more deceptive because we're still worshipping Yahovah. But we have just added a Canaanite goddess to the mix. You can even look at the example of the golden calf in Exodus. The

Israelites claimed the calf to be Yahovah who led them out of Egypt. This is how our preconceived notions are killing us.

Moving on to Deuteronomy 18:21—**And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'** This is a question every one of us should be asking. How do we know? He goes on in Deuteronomy 18:22—**when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.**

It's pretty straightforward. If you understand anything about biblical prophecy, and the New Testament confirms this fact more than anything, prophecy is a wait-and-see game. That's what it is. John 14:29—**Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.** Those are the words of Yeshua. It is a wait-and-see game. So when someone speaks, and then it happens, he's a true prophet. The things Yeshua spoke that are recorded in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of John are prophetic things which have happened to prove Him as a true prophet. Right?

Unfortunately, it's not that simple. Unfortunately this isn't the only text dealing with false prophets. It is much more sophisticated than that. Look at Deuteronomy 13:1-2—**¹ If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or the wonder comes to pass.** Stop there. Now we're dealing with the situation where a prophet of the Living God comes on the scene and tells you X, Y, and Z are going to happen. These things then actually take place.

Continuing in Deuteronomy 13:2—**of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'--which you have not known--'and let us serve them.'** Why would the LORD allow this to happen? Why did the old prophet come on the scene and give the man of God information that would result in his death?

We actually get that answer in the very next verse. Deuteronomy 13:3—**you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul (emphasis added).** God is testing you. That is why. So when a prophet can even say something, and it comes to pass, the LORD is testing you to see if the prophet can lure you away from the commandments of God. That is the deception. The LORD wants to know whether His word abides in your heart, or whether you're going to listen to man over Him.

Think about Deuteronomy 8. The LORD leads Israel out into the wilderness to hunger and thirst in order to test them. Why did He do this? To know whether or not they would keep the commandments of God.

It all boils down to that. That's the inner core. That's the core of the true grace message of the gospel of Yeshua the Messiah.

We continue in Deuteronomy 13:4-5—**⁴ You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. ⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you**

shall put away the evil from your midst (emphasis added). What do prophets of God who do not speak according to the LORD do? They entice, seduce, and play upon your emotions.

Do you remember what I said in the last message? All somebody needs to do is come up to you and tell you the things that you want to hear, that your flesh wants to hear, and you will eat every last drop. You'll consume it whole.

This is a scary thing. We cannot consume anything to the compromise of God's commandments. It cannot happen especially when we're living in these last days, and quite literally all hell has broken loose. Demons are everywhere. We are inundated with perversion, and that's not in the world; that is in the Church.