

esians 6:11

... on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

What We Learn From Scripture

God has adequately equipped us to resist and overcome the devil's wiles.

The whole armor of God must be put on by every child of God in order to stand.

The devil employs "wiles" to trap, ensnare, and destroy God's people.

False Teachers - Facts

False Teachers Found In The Old Testament

... and 450 false prophets – 1 Kings 18
... and 400 of Ahab's men – 1 Kings 22
... Pashur and Hananiah – Jer. 20, 28
... Hosea 40:5; Amos 7:10ff; Micah 2:11
... rejected way of old
... vs Mannaessh & Amon

False Teachers Found In The New Testament

... and doctrines exist
... 20:28-31

... heed therefore unto yourselves, and to
... the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost
... hath made you overseers, to feed the church
... of God, which he hath purchased with his
... own blood. ²⁸For I know this, that after my
... departing shall grievous wolves enter in
... among you, not sparing the flock. ²⁹Also of
... your own selves shall men arise, speaking
... perverse things, to draw away disciples after
... them. ³⁰Therefore watch, and remember, that
... by the space of three years I ceased not to
... warn every one night and day with tears.

What We Learn From Scripture

Paul, speaking to the elders of the Ephesus church, warned that "wolves" would enter in among them.

- (2) The "wolves" would not care nor spare the flock.
- (3) The evil ones would speak perverse things (that which was not true, evil, contrary to the doctrine of Christ).
- (4) Thus, Paul exhorted them to watch – be aware and cautious – in order to protect the flock.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) A stern warning about keeping the church pure and righteous.
- (2) Paul did not say something may happen, but rather he said this will come.
- (3) Some would NOT any longer believe and preach the true saving gospel of Christ.
- (4) Because of their own lusts (evil desires) they would turn from the truth.

Jude 4

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) There are evil men, false teachers.
- (2) Ungodly men will come into assemblies and people's lives "unawares."
- (3) These false religious men would turn (change) the grace of God into something evil.
- (4) Further, they would DENY the only Lord God.
- (5) They may advocate a false god, supposedly another god of equal importance – FALSE!

Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) This is a bold warning.
- (2) BEWARE – be alert, be on guard, watchful – the precious souls are at stake – the purity and preciousness of the church is at stake.
- (3) Those who come, teaching false doctrines, are not revealing their true agenda, their actual identity.
- (4) They may look righteous, but actually they are ravening wolves.
- (5) They can and will devour, discourage and destroy you.

2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ²And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. ³And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) There will be false teachers among us!
- (2) They will teach DAMNABLE heresies (false, contrary, foolish teachings).
- (3) They will DENY the Lord as Saviour.
- (4) Tragically, MANY will follow their foolish and evil ways.
- (5) To promote their own ways, they will speak evil of the truth and those who love and follow the truth.
- (6) They will use "feigned" (disguised, not genuine and true) words to convince others of their evil doctrine.
- (7) They will destroy you if at all possible. Your faith and faithfulness in God is in jeopardy.

Colossians 2:4, 18, 23

⁴And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words ... ¹⁸Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind. ²³Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, neglecting of the body; not in any honor, the satisfying of the flesh.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Paul continues his warning (writing to the church at Colossae) concerning those who will "beguile" you.
- (2) He pleads for them to NOT let themselves be beguiled.
- (3) He says these false ones will use "enticing words" – words that sound pretty, convincing, appealing, nice – but they are false.

Jude 14b-16

...Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, ¹⁵To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. ¹⁶These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts, whose mouths speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Four times Jude uses the word "ungodly."
- (2) We must not be naive and think "enticing words" are good, godly and holy in God's sight. Try the spirits (1 John 4:1).
- (3) Some deeds are "ungodly committed."
- (4) Their "great swelling words" may sound sweet, wonderful – but Jude says they are damning.

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