Doctrines of Demons and False Teaching

Remember that old saying, you can't believe everything you read. Well you can't believe everything you hear either. There's a lot of crazy stuff being said in the churches from behind the pulpits as Pastor Jerry said last week. God expects us to search the Scriptures and know the truth for ourselves just like the Bereans did in Acts 17:11.

Matt.: 7:15 – wolves

What do these wolves want? Money, power, fame

2 Cor.: 11:13-15 – Paul ministered for free

Watch out for those that say you can be healed if you will pay so much money, or a special blessing will come your way if you will give so much right now etc.

These wolves will manipulate the Word to suit their purpose for personal gain.

Jesus did not live a wealthy life here on earth, didn't even have a place to lay His head. He wants us to be "abundant" in Him and the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Yes, you need money to bless others but I do not see prosperity being taught in the Scriptures, in fact many times it says how hard it is for a rich man to enter heaven and to do the will of God.

Fame – being known or recognized by many people. What will you do for fame? Will you say that God is ok with people who do not repent from being gay? He's not, that is abomination to Him.

They are lying saying they have the Spirit of God

<u>II Tim.:3:5</u> - form of Godliness

Praying to Mary – idol worship – she was favored by God to be part of His plan to bring Jesus into the physical world from heaven

<u>Luke 11:27-28</u> – favor from Mary is idol worship and will send you to hell

Don't pray to saints as they are not God and do not answer prayer, that is idol worship and it is forbidden by God. Don't pray for dead people, you cannot pray them out of hell once they are dead. No high priest on earth can forgive your sins no matter what you say or do, only Jesus can.

<u>I Tim.:4:1-3</u> – doctrines of devils (demons)

Forbidding to marry...

Abstain from meats...

Rev.: 13:11-14 - great wonders and deceives

Be careful what you except as coming from the Holy Spirit. I have seen people crawling around on the floor acting like dogs, people on their hands and knees eating grass and people convulsing on the floor. I can tell you none of this is from God. This is deception from the devil. These people have opened themselves up to satan and these are manifestations of demons.

New Age – experiencing other worlds /Spirit guides / meditation other than on God's Word /Paranormal study invites demons right in

I John 2:22 / I John 4:3 / 2 John 1:7 – denying Christ is anti-christ

<u>II Peter:2:1</u> – deny the Lord

Chrislam / Many ways to heaven / work your way to heaven **Works will not get you to heaven, but they can earn you rewards if they are done for the right reasons. If you give to someone so you will get something back – that is a wrong motive and is selfish.**

/ just be a good person

- NO JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY!! John 14:6

Jehovah's witness / Mormons / Islam

Here are some things that are all totally doctrines of demons and false teachings:

Earth worship / mother nature / crystal power / meditation – except on God's Word / astrology / horoscopes / tarot cards / psychics / mediums / Ouija boards / contacting the dead / evolution / Freemasonry – roots in mystic religions / Satanism / atheist / humanism / wiccans / reincarnation / astral travel / only 144,000 going to heaven / Jesus did not die for our sins / He was not born of a virgin /Jesus was just a good teacher and prophet and man / necromancy is possible but is forbidden by God / Denial of the trinity – One God existing in 3 persons

It is possible that those who analyze the teachings of others may themselves have unbiblical teachings, or perspectives or end up "nitpicking" over non essentials and going far beyond reason in their critique. It doesn't honor God when we continually tear each other apart and argue over Scripture.

Some teachers should be avoided, some should be filtered, and some are trustworthy.

We do need those that question teachings so that those that teach stay on their toes and are held accountable.

We need to remember that not all false teaching is intentional. Original Greek never had punctuation, chapters or verses.

Ex: Luke 23:43 KJV "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you, to day shall you be with Me in paradise."

Luke 23:43 TS98 (Institute for Scripture Research) "And Jesus said to him, Truly, I say to you today, you shall be with Me in paradise."

We must be careful not to see what we want to see but let the Holy Spirit teach us.

Matt.:5:18 – 10 commandments are still in effect

The ceremonial sacrificial system was nailed to the cross. The ordinances were what had to be carried out to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Jesus superceded all of that.

Col.:2:14 - ordinances gone

Replacement Theology – church has replaced Israel – false

Zech.:14:16 – God will always love Israel

Name it and claim it, speak it into existence

You will not accomplish anything contrary to God's will by doing this.

Healing – like "faith healers" – your healing is not tied to giving

Once Saved Always Saved – false – you must love and obey God.

1 John 1:7-9 - continually cleansing us from sin (presently)

Grace teachings say you don't need to confess sin more than once – that opens the door to just keep sinning and never confess and get cleansed

Tongues – don't have them not saved – false

Look at the whole teaching, if their overall message is not pulling you away from Jesus and it is Biblical, they probably aren't false teachers.

Anything that draws you away from Jesus and the Bible is doctrines of demons and false teaching. As is any religion that does not recognize Jesus as God.

For those of you who are so diligently trying to make sure you don't get deceived and are acting as the "false teaching police," don't be so caught up that you are missing what God is doing in your life and missing Him speaking to you and showing you things. You can hinder your own walk by being on guard so much that love isn't flowing in and out of your life. God is love. Please don't be so skeptical of everyone and everything that the love stops flowing. Let the love of Jesus rule your life. Trust in your Holy Spirit to warn you.

Pray these scriptures: <u>Luke 24:16,45</u>

Matt.:7:21