

HOW CAN WE ESCAPE THE DEADLY SNARE OF FALSE TEACHING?

A Condemnation of False Teachers and a Warning for True Disciples

Matthew 16:1-12

- I. *WE MUST UNDERSTAND* and **ACCEPT GOD'S VIEW OF FALSE TEACHERS...they are blind, evil and spiritually adulterous:** Jesus condemns the spiritually blind, evil and adulterous false teachers who are attempting to trap and discredit Him by asking for sign (1-4a, 12)
 - A. **The unbelieving Pharisees and Sadducees dispute with Christ** seeking to discredit Him by requesting for a sign from heaven (1, Mark 8:11)
 - B. **Jesus, deeply grieved**, refusing to give them their request **unveils their true, evil and adulterous nature**, pointing out their spiritual blindness concerning Him (cannot discern the times) (2-4a, Mark 8:12)
- II. *WE MUST UNDERSTAND* and **HEED OUR LORDS COMMAND TO WATCH OUT AND BEWARE OF THE DEADLY TEACHING OF FALSE TEACHERS:** Jesus uses the disciples lack of faith concerning bread to command and warn them concerning the leavened bread, the deadly teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees (4b-12)
 - A. Introductory note: They left for the other side and the disciples forget bread (4b-5)
 - B. **Jesus Warns and Commands** His disciples to watch out and beware of the leaven (poisonous teaching) of the Pharisees and Sadducees (6)
 - C. **Jesus uses the disciples misunderstanding to reveal their little faith and give them right understanding concerning His warning** regarding false teaching (7-12)
 1. The disciples misunderstand Jesus thinking His warning is about physical bread (7)
 2. Jesus graciously reproves and instructs them concerning their lack of faith so that they would understand what He meant (8-11)
 3. **The disciple get it:** They realize Jesus was talking about the completely leavened wicked spiritual bread the religious leaders were giving out (teaching) not the physical bread they forgot (12)