

## SEDUCING SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS

### INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Timothy 4:1-3**. From Roy H. Enoch (11/28/1993).
- B. This text is one of many warnings given concerning how to live the Xian life.
  - 1. Jesus warned that the way to heaven was narrow and difficult (Mt. 7:13-14).
  - 2. Jesus warned that we must count the cost of following Him (Lk. 14:26-30).
  - 3. Paul worried about Xians who were not faithful (2Cor. 11:3).
- C. We are often warned of Satan's threat.
  - 1. He is pictured as a "roaring lion" (1Pet. 5:8).
  - 2. He "deceived Eve by his craftiness."
  - 3. His name means "adversary."
  - 4. He makes false pretenses (2Cor. 11:13-15).
- D. A look at the specific warning Paul gives Timothy concerning the dangers of deceiving spirits and demons.

### I. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES SPECIFIC WARNINGS.

- A. The "Spirit expressly says" (1Tim. 4:1).
  - 1. We sometimes have difficulty understanding figurative language or parables.
  - 2. We should have no difficulty understanding the plain, specific warnings given here.
- B. "Some will depart from the faith."
  - 1. Paul had warned the elders of Ephesus at Miletus (Ac. 20:28-30).
  - 2. 2Peter 2:1; warns against false teachers who would "bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them."
- C. Some would give "heed to the doctrines of demons." The false teachers would be effective with some.

### II. TWO FALSE DOCTRINES WERE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED.

- A. "Forbidding to marry" is today taught by some churches.
  - 1. They claim that it is a holier way to live.
  - 2. God said, "It is not good for man (mankind) to be alone" (Gen. 2:18).
  - 3. See Heb. 13:4.
- B. A second doctrine of the demons was commanding to "abstain from meats" or food.
  - 1. There are churches today that forbid eating certain foods.
  - 2. This is not from God, but from demons.

### III. SEVERAL POPULAR DOCTRINES ARE TAUGHT WHICH ARE NOT FROM THE NT, BUT FROM MEN.

- A. One is the doctrine of "salvation by faith only."
  - 1. Many passages teach the necessity of faith, but do not teach that salvation is from "faith apart from works of obedience" (Jas. 2:24-26).
  - 2. Saving faith is an obedient, active faith.
    - a. Saving faith is referred to in Heb. 10:39 and described in chapter 11 as a submissive, obedient faith.
    - b. Jesus emphasized the importance of doing what He says (Mt. 7:21).
- B. Some deny that baptism is necessary for salvation.
  - 1. Jesus placed it equal to faith (Mk. 16:16).
  - 2. Peter required it on level of repentance at Pentecost (Ac. 2:38).
  - 3. It puts one into X (Rom. 6:3-4).
  - 4. Peter says that it saves us (1Pet. 3:21).
- C. Some say that one can be saved outside of any church.
  - 1. But the Lord adds those being saved to the church (Ac. 2:47).

2. The blood of X purchased the church (Ac. 20:28).
3. The church is the body of X (Eph. 1:22-23).
- D. Some say that one church is as good as another.
  1. This would claim that the churches that men have established are as good as the church X purchased with His blood.
  2. It would make the creeds of men as good as the word of God which is the truth.
  3. It would condone the religious division which the NT condemns (Jn. 17:20-21).
- E. Some claim that one can be saved through prayer without doing what the Lord requires.
  1. No inspired person ever told one not a child of God to pray for anything.
  2. Jesus teaches us to pray: "Our Father who is in heaven."
  3. The sinner's father is the devil and not in heaven.
- F. Some claim that the conflicting doctrines of men all came from the Holy Spirit.
  1. John warns Xians to try the "spirits" (1Jn. 4:1).
  2. The Bereans were called "noble" or "fair-minded" by the HS because they "searched the scriptures daily to see if the things preached were from God (Ac. 17:11).
  3. Conflicting doctrines of men come from Satan, the adversary who tries to lead men away from the truth.
  4. The confusion of conflicting doctrines is not from God (1Cor. 14:33).

#### **CONCLUSION.**

- A. We need to understand that the NT is the source of God's truth.
- B. We are each responsible for "searching the Scriptures daily" to determine whether what we believe is true.
- C. We will be judged by the words of X or inspiration.
- D. We had better be living by the same standard.