

Outline – July 2, 2023
1 Kings 1-10, Matthew 12:43-45, 1 Timothy 4:11-12
Fight The Good Fight
Beware Of Treason

The Bible declares there are certain things we are to believe.

There are certain things we are to fight for.

There are certain things we are to fight against.

I. What Do We Believe

A. Jesus is Lord

1. He is God in human flesh
2. He is the Savior of the world
3. What He says is true
4. His blessings are amazing
5. His warnings are to be heeded

II. What Do We Fight For

- A. Faith
- B. Family
- C. Freedom
- D. Future

III. What Do We Fight Against

- A. Principalities of darkness = demonic beings
- B. Apostasy = treason
- C. Heresy = doctrines of demons
- D. Wolves in sheep's clothing = those that would destroy the flock

IV. If We Don't Fight The Good Fight (What Happens)

- A. We lose:
 1. Our faith
 2. Our family
 3. Our freedoms
 4. Our future

V. What Happens When Followers Of Messiah (The Church) Lose The Fight

- A. Children Suffer
 1. They are sacrificed
 2. They are abused

- B. Every generation will either choose
 - 1. God or Baal
 - 2. Light or Darkness
 - 3. Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Satan
- C. Wolves in sheep's clothing = those that would destroy the flock

VI. What Is Happening In Our Culture, Nation, And World

- A. We are driving God out (like the days of Elijah)
 - 1. Canceling
 - 2. Mocking
 - 3. Giving approval to those who do
 - 4. Trying to mix light with darkness
- B. A basic Biblical principle
 - 1. If a people seek to take God out of their life/home/culture/church
 - 2. Demons will come in worse than before
- C. Revelation 20:3 declares that Satan deceives nations
 - 1. Today we call good-evil, we call light-darkness, we call sweet-bitter (Isaiah 5:20)
- D. God designed the world for His glory
 - 1. Jesus said, "He made them male and female" (Matthew 19:4)

VII. Solomon's Fall

- A. Solomon: Son of David
- B. Built the temple of God
- C. Wisest man in the Old Testament
- D. Wrote books of the Bible
- E. God warned Solomon
 - 1. Foreign wives will lead him to embrace foreign demons
 - 2. Lust will turn you from love
 - 3. Faith will be shattered
 - 4. Family broken
 - 5. Freedom gone

VIII. The Result Of Solomon's Fall

- A. Solomon's faith left God and followed Ashtoreth/Ishtar
 - 1. The "goddess demon" of perversion
 - 2. Baal: The demon of child sacrifice
- B. Temples of perversion became common
 - 1. As perversion was worshipped, children were sacrificed
- C. According to the Book "History of Religion"
 - 1. Whenever female deities were worshipped
 - a. Men were to dress like women
 - b. St. Augustine and other 4th century leaders affirmed this practice

- D. A common practice of pagan ritual
 - 1. Worship the goddesses
 - 2. Emasculate the men
 - 3. Sacrifice the children
 - 4. Oppose the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob

IX. The Warning Of Jesus (Matthew 12:43-45)

- A. When an unclean spirit leaves
- B. It returns with 7 others more evil
- C. The conditions become worse
- D. "That is how it will be with this generation."

X. The Condition Of Our Culture (Like The Days Of Solomon)

- A. Demonic influence
- B. Discounting the God of the Bible
- C. Demoralizing the culture
- D. Dismantling families and churches
- E. Deception
- F. Disruption of nuclear family
- G. Destruction

XI. New Days-Old Demons

- A. Our culture is fractured
- B. Our nation is divided
- C. Our churches are becoming apostate
- D. A spiritual war for the soul of our country is being fought
- E. Deception is taking over our churches, parents, pastors
- F. The children are suffering the most

XII. The Bible Warns Us To Beware

- A. Beware when perversion is worshipped
- B. Beware when government seeks to dethrone God
- C. Beware when you try to blend God with perversion
- D. Jesus warned, "You can't serve both"
- E. Jesus taught some things are not to be tolerated

XIII. What Are We To Be About

- A. Find hope for the hurting
- B. Grace for the humble
- C. Truth for the deceived
- D. Light for the darkness
- E. Salvation for the dying

XIV. So What Are We To Do

- A. Know THE Truth
 - 1. Proclaim it
- B. Know The Messiah
 - 1. Proclaim Him
- C. Be willing to fight the good fight
 - 1. Fight for our children
 - 2. What if some group said, "We are coming for your children"
- D. Fight for the future
- E. Fight for your faith
- F. It's time for parents to fight and pray for their children
- G. Time for churches to be light in the darkness

During the Revolutionary War there were two leaders with amazing stories:

- 1. John Paul Jones
- 2. Benedict Arnold

**Which Best Describes You?
As We Fight The Good Fight of Faith.**