

Testing the Spirits

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We can hear false voices that lie to us. While they may be demonic in origin, they can also be a “helpful” part of us. We recognize this as a “false Jesus”. Scripture tells us to test and see if it is the True Lord Jesus. Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit Who discerns truth living inside of us. In Immanuel, discernment is an important part of the coach’s work. Ultimately, the Receiver asks Jesus directly something like, “Are You the True Lord Jesus?”

Studies included in this article are: Test For Truth; Holy Spirit Discernment; False Apostles; False Prophets; False Words; False Witness; False Christs; False Report; False Matter; False Hopes/Dreams; False Ways; False Tongue/Lips; False Pen; False Vision; False Divination; False Oath; False Brethren; False Humility; Ungodly Spiritual Voices; Example of Testing: Gideon Putting Out A Fleece.

For additional information on this topic, please see: Jesus Is The Truth; Jesus Knows Our Hearts; Jesus Is The Light; Deception Or Revelation- You Can Tell The Difference.

Test For Truth

Job 12:11 Does not **the ear test words** And the mouth taste its food?

2 Corinthians 13:5 **Examine yourselves** as to whether you are in the faith. **Test yourselves.** Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you are disqualified.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 **Test all things;** hold fast what is good.

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Holy Spirit Discernment

John 16:13 However, when He, **the Spirit of truth**, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Hebrews 5:13-14 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, **those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

False Apostles

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

Prophets

Jeremiah 14:14 And the LORD said to me, "The **prophets prophesy lies** in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.

Jeremiah 23:16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of **the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless**; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD."

Matthew 7:15 Beware of **false prophets**, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Matthew 24:11 "Then **many false prophets** will rise up and deceive many.

Luke 6:26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the **false prophets**.

Acts 13:6 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain **sorcerer, a false prophet**, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus.

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False Words

Exodus 5:9 Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labor in it, and let them not regard false words.

Job 36:4 For truly my words are not false; One who is perfect in knowledge is with you.

False Witness

Exodus 20:16 You shall not bear **false witness** against your neighbor.

Deuteronomy 5:20 You shall not bear **false witness** against your neighbor.

Deuteronomy 19:16 If a **false witness** rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing.

Deuteronomy 19:18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is **a false witness**, who has testified falsely against his brother.

Psalms 27:12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For **false witnesses** have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

Proverb 6:19 A **false witness** who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

Proverb 12:17 He who speaks truth declares righteousness, But a **false witness**, deceit.

Proverb 14:5 A faithful witness does not lie, But a **false witness** will utter lies.

Proverb 19:5 A **false witness** will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies will not escape.

Proverb 19:9 A **false witness** will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.

Proverb 21:28 A **false witness** shall perish, But the man who hears him will speak endlessly.

Proverb 25:18 A man who bears **false witness** against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, **false witness**, blasphemies.

Matthew 19:18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear **false witness**.'

Matthew 26:59-60 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought **false testimony** against Jesus to put Him to death, But found none. Even though **many false witnesses** came forward, they found none. But at last **two false witnesses** came forward.

Mark 10:19 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear **false witness**,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'

Mark 14:56 For many bore **false witness** against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

Mark 14:57 Then some rose up and bore **false witness** against Him, saying.

Luke 19:8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by **false accusation**, I restore fourfold.

Luke 18:20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear **false witness**,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'

Acts 6:13 They also set up **false witnesses** who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law.

Romans 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear **false witness**," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1 Corinthians 15:15 Yes, and we are found **false witnesses** of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise.

False Christs

Matthew 24:24 For **false christs and false prophets** will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

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1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that **the Antichrist** is coming, even now **many antichrists** have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist** who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is **the spirit of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is **a deceiver and an antichrist**.

False Report

Exodus 23:1 You shall not circulate **a false report**. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

False Matter

Exodus 23:7 Keep yourself far from **a false matter**; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked.

False Hopes/Dreams

Job 41:9 Indeed, **any hope of overcoming him is false**; Shall one not be overwhelmed at the sight of him?

Jeremiah 23:32 "Behold, I am against those who **prophesy false dreams**," says the LORD, "and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all," says the LORD.

Zechariah 10:2 For the idols speak **delusion**; The diviners envision **lies**, And tell **false dreams**; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.

False Ways

Psalm 119:104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate **every false way**.

Psalm 119:128 Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate **every false way**.

False Tongue/Lips

Psalm 120:3 What shall be given to you, Or what shall be done to you, You **false tongue?**

Proverb 17:4 An evildoer gives heed to **false lips**; A liar listens eagerly to a **spiteful tongue**.

False Pen

Jeremiah 8:8 "How can you say, 'We are wise, And the law of the LORD is with us?' Look, **the false pen** of the scribe certainly works falsehood.

False Vision

Jeremiah 14:14 And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you **a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart**.

Lamentations 2:14 Your prophets have seen for you **False and deceptive visions**; They have not uncovered your iniquity, To bring back your captives, But have envisioned for you **false prophecies and delusions**.

Ezekiel 12:24 For no more shall there be **any false vision or flattering divination** within the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 21:29 While they see **false visions** for you, While they divine a lie to you, To bring you on the necks of the wicked, the slain Whose day has come, Whose iniquity shall end.

Ezekiel 22:28 Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing **false visions, and divining lies** for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had not spoken.

False Divination

Ezekiel 13:6 They have envisioned futility and **false divination**, saying, 'Thus says the LORD!' But the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed.

Ezekiel 13:7 Have you not seen a **futile vision**, and have you not spoken **false divination**? You say, ‘The LORD says,’ but I have not spoken.

Ezekiel 21:23 And it will be to them like a **false divination** in the eyes of those who have sworn oaths with them; but he will bring their iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

False Oath

Zechariah 8:17 Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a **false oath**. For all these are things that I hate,’ Says the LORD.

False Brethren

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:26 In journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among **false brethren**.

Galatians 2:4 And this occurred because of **false brethren** secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage).

2 Peter 2:1 But there were also **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

False Humility

Colossians 2:18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in **false humility** and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

Colossians 2:23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, **false humility**, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Ungodly Spiritual Voices

1 Kings 22:22-23 The LORD said to him, ‘In what way?’ So he said, ‘I will go out and be a **lying spirit** in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And the LORD said, ‘You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.’ Therefore look! The LORD has put a **lying spirit** in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you.

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Micah 2:11 If a man should walk in **a false spirit** And speak a lie, saying, 'I will prophesy to you of wine and drink,' Even he would be the prattler of this people.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now **many antichrists** have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2 John 1:7 For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Revelation 16:13 And I saw three **unclean spirits** like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of **the false prophet**.

Revelation 20:10 **The devil**, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the **false prophet** are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 19:20 Then **the beast** was captured, and with him **the false prophet** who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Example of Testing: Gideon Putting Out A Fleece

Judges 6:37-40 Look, I shall put **a fleece of wool** on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said. And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew. And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

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