

Escape From Babylon

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The Series Part 4

~Come Out Of Her – Teacher's Guide~

Part 2 Of "Exposing Anti-Christ Teachers"

<Please Also See The Teachings: **(The Shepherd's Calling) + (God's Economy)**>

Jeremiah 10:18-21 "For Yahweh says, "Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel it." (19) Woe is me because of my injury! My wound is serious; but I said, "Truly this is my grief, and I must bear it." (20) My tent has been destroyed, and all my cords are broken. My children have gone away from me, and they are no more. There is no one to spread my tent any more, to set up my curtains. (21) For the shepherds have become brutish, and have not inquired of Yahweh. Therefore they have not prospered, and all their flocks have scattered."

We can talk about problems all day long. Yet, if we don't provide the solution, what are we doing? This is Part 2 of "Exposing Anti Christ Teachers". We are going to provide important information for leaders and teachers. With this information, they can escape the Babylon system. Also, the average church goers can use this information to gauge the spiritual maturity and health of their leaders. Leaders and teachers- you can be the one who spreads out God's tent, who feeds His sheep, and leads them in obedient, worship-filled love for God and Jesus!

You Can't Give What You Don't Have

Luke 6:43-45 "For there is no good tree that produces rotten fruit; nor again a rotten tree that produces good fruit. (44) For each tree is known by its own fruit. For people don't gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. (45) The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings out that which is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings out that which is evil, for out of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaks."

Some leaders can only provide "Milk", for that's all they have.

Hebrews 5:11-14 "Much more could be said about this subject. But it is hard to explain, and all of you are slow to understand. (12) **By now you should have been teachers**, but once again you need to be taught the simplest things about what God has said. You need milk instead of solid food (meat). (13) People who live on milk are like babies who don't really know what is right. (14) Solid food (meat) is for mature people who have been trained to know right from wrong."

A Warning For Those Who Seek To Teach

James 3:1 “Let not many of you be teachers, my brothers, knowing that **we will receive heavier judgment.**”

If You Teach, You Better Say Exactly What God Tells You!

Ezekiel 33:1-9 “Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, (2) “Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and tell them, ‘When I bring the sword on a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman; (3) if, when he sees the sword come on the land, he blows the trumpet, and warns the people; (4) then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and doesn’t heed the warning, if the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. (5) He heard the sound of the trumpet, and didn’t take warning. His blood will be on him; whereas if he had heeded the warning, he would have delivered his soul. (6) But if the watchman sees the sword come, and doesn’t blow the trumpet, and the people aren’t warned, and the sword comes, and takes any person from among them; he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.’ (7) “So you, son of man: I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word from my mouth, and give them warnings from me. (8) When I tell the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you don’t speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man will die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at your hand. (9) Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he doesn’t turn from his way; he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.”

Never be called Teacher or Leader

Matthew 23:8-10 “But **none** of you should be **called a teacher**. You have only one teacher, and all of you are like brothers and sisters. (9) Don't call anyone on earth your father. All of you have the same Father in heaven. (10) **None** of you should **be called the leader**. The Messiah is your only leader.”

It’s funny. We call people “pastor”, but that is a spiritual gift. We don’t say to people: “Hello, ‘speaking in tongues””, or “Come over here, ‘laying on of hands””, or “Hey, ‘administration’, go over there.” There should be nothing within the body that produces a hierarchy of presence, with one person being considered as more important than another, or greater because of their positions. It clearly says in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, that there are many positions in the church. Yes, we should give honor to whom honor is due, but nothing more, as the pagans do. We are all called to walk humbly in our calling. Satan uses this type of thinking to produce two classes in the church, those who “do” and those who are made to feel like they “never could”. Avoid all things that create status in the eyes of the world, and do only those things that provide pleasure in our Father’s eyes. Respect those who are called to watch over the church, but we only have one Lord and Savior.

Remember: It Is The Holy Spirit That Does The Teaching- Not You

John 14:26 “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and will cause you to remember everything I said to you.”

1 John 2:27 “As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you don’t need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you will remain in him.”

Do Not Try To Dominate With Power & Authority Over The Body

Matthew 20:25-28 “But Jesus summoned them, and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. (26) It shall not be so among you, but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. (27) Whoever desires to be first among you shall be your bondservant, (28) even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Be Like Jesus The Good Shepherd, Not A Church Employee

John 10:11-13 “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. (12) **But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away.** And the wolf catches them and scatters the sheep. (13) **The hireling flees, because he is a hireling and does not care for the sheep.**”

A good example on how leaders are to act is found in Jesus:

Ephesians 5:25-27 “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the assembly, and gave himself up for it; (26) that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, (27) that he might present the assembly to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without defect.”

Don't Prefer The Rich, Large Donators, Or Socially Important People

James 2:1-9 “My brothers, don’t hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory with partiality. (2) For if a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your synagogue, and a poor man in filthy clothing also comes in; (3) and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing, and say, “Sit here in a good place;” and you tell the poor man, “Stand there,” or “Sit by my footstool;” (4) haven’t you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? (5) Listen, my beloved brothers. Didn’t God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him? (6) But you have dishonored the poor man. Don’t the rich oppress you, and personally drag you before the courts? (7) Don’t they blaspheme the honorable name by which you are called? (8) However, if you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. (9) But if you show partiality, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors.”

This works both ways: the body of Christ should not prefer the well-dressed leaders in their church, and we should not put them on pedestals and make them into an idol or celebrity. They are fallen just like you. Saved by the same grace, covered in the same blood, and they are not any better than you at all. I hope they are more mature and spiritually advanced, able to show you the narrow path.

Do Not Dress In Flashy Clothing, Or Do Any Other Action To Bring Attention To Yourself

Luke 20:45-47 “In the hearing of all the people, he said to his disciples, (46) “Beware of those scribes who like to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts; (47) who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these will receive greater condemnation.”

The Overseers Of The Church Are Called Not To Be Consumed With The World’s Ways And Desires (As We All Are)

Matthew 6:31-33 “Therefore don’t be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’, ‘What will we drink?’ or, ‘With what will we be clothed?’ (32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. (33) But seek first God’s Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 14:33-35 “So therefore whoever of you who doesn’t renounce all that he has, he can’t be my disciple. (34) Salt is good, but if the salt becomes flat and tasteless, with what do you season it? (35) It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

2 Timothy 2:3-7 “You therefore must endure hardship, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (4) No soldier on duty entangles himself in the affairs of life, that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. (5) Also, if anyone competes in athletics, he isn’t crowned unless he has competed by the rules. (6) The farmer who labors must be the first to get a share of the crops. (7) Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.”

Never Boast About Your Calling

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 “For if I preach the Good News, I have nothing to boast about; for necessity is laid on me; but woe is to me, if I don’t preach the Good News. (17) For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward. But if not of my own will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.”

Matthew 23:11-12 “But he who is greatest among you will be your servant. (12) Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

You can't exalt yourself without judging and debasing others.

Romans 14:10-12 “But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (11) For it is written, “‘As I live,’ says the Lord, ‘to me every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess to God.’” (12) So then each one of us will give account of himself to God.”

Never Charge For The Gospel

1 Corinthians 9:18-19 “What then is my reward? That, when I preach the Good News, I may present the Good News of Christ without charge, so as not to abuse my authority in the Good News. (19) For though I was free from all, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more.”

A laborer is worth his wage and those who work for the gospel should live off the gospel, but not as the world does. What God has freely given to you in the information of the kingdom of God, do freely give. The gospel should not be locked behind a pay wall so that only those who can afford it, can receive of what was freely given to you. And how dare anyone sell the gospel back to the same flock they are pasturing over? While that very same flock is paying him for his time and service. *Note:* It is okay to make nicer versions for sale, if the people would like to support. But the core information needs to be available for free and available to all.

This Is True:

1 Corinthians 9:14 “Even so the Lord ordained that those who proclaim the Good News should live from the Good News.”

This Is Also True: Freely Give

Matthew 10:7-8 “As you go, preach, saying, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!’ (8) Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. **Freely you received, so freely give.**”

Purify Your Lips & Your Message

1 Thessalonians 2:3 “For our appeal to you does not spring from deceit, impure motives, or trickery.”

Stop It With The Off-Color Jokes During Your Sermons.

Ephesians 5:4 “It's not right that dirty stories, foolish talk, or obscene jokes should be mentioned among you either. Instead, give thanks to God.”

Do Not Use Puffed Up Vagaries To Clutter Up The Message Of Christ

1 Thessalonians 2:5 “For neither were we at any time found using words of flattery, as you know, nor a cloak of covetousness (God is witness),”

Do Not Seek Vain Glory, Position, & Power

1 Thessalonians 2:6 “Nor seeking glory from men (neither from you nor from others), when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ.”

You Are Not Just To Give The Gospel, But Also Your Life

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 “But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her own children. (8) Even so, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not the Good News of God only, but also our own souls, because you had become very dear to us.”

You Are Not To Desire Riches and Wealth

Matthew 6:24 “No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. (Money)”

Do Not Water Down The Gospel To Please Your Congregation!

**God doesn't need PR people to spin a positive image in the world's eyes,
He needs truth tellers- bold proclaimers of His will!**

1 Thessalonians 2:4 “But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts.”

Galatians 1:10 “For now do I persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

For Every Seller - There Must Be A Buyer!

2 Timothy 4:3-4 “For the time will come when they will not listen to the sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, will heap up for themselves teachers after their own lusts; (4) and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn away to fables.”

Isaiah 30:9-13 “For these are rebellious people – they are lying children, children unwilling to obey the LORD's law. (10) They say to the visionaries, “See no more visions!” and to the seers, “Don't relate messages to us about what is right! Tell us nice things; relate deceptive messages. (11) Turn aside from the way; stray off the path. Remove from our presence the Holy One of Israel.” (12) For this reason this is what the Holy One of Israel says: “You have rejected this message; you trust instead in your ability to oppress and trick, and rely on that kind of behavior. (13) So this sin will become your downfall. You will be like a high wall that bulges and cracks and is ready to collapse; it crumbles suddenly, in a flash.”

Always Be Ready To Preach & Share The Truth

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the message, be ready whether it is convenient or not, reprove, rebuke, exhort with complete patience and instruction.

Do Not Be Timid In The Spreading Of The Gospel

1 Thessalonians 2:2 “But having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi, we grew bold in our God to tell you the Good News of God in much conflict.”

Remember What The Gospel Message Truly Is

Matthew 4:17 “From that time, Jesus began to preach, and to say, “**Repent!** For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Acts 2:38 “Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 3:19-20 “**Repent** therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, (20) and that he may send Christ Jesus, who was ordained for you before,

Acts 17:30-31 “The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked. But now he commands that all people everywhere should **repent**, (31) because he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; of which he has given assurance to all men, in that he has raised him from the dead.”

Teach The People To OBEY God & Jesus

Hebrews 5:8-9 “Jesus is God's own Son, but still he had to suffer before he could learn what it really means to obey God. (9) Suffering made Jesus perfect, and now he can save forever all who obey him.”

Matthew 5:18-20 For truly I say to you, Till the heaven and the earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law until all is fulfilled. (19) Therefore whoever shall relax one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. (20) For I say to you that unless your righteousness shall exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

Revelation 22:14 “Blessed are they who do His commandments, that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and they may enter in by the gates into the city.”

Revelation 14:12 “Here is the patience of the saints. Here are the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

///WARNING FOR FALSE SHEPHERDS: PART 2

Jeremiah 23:1-4 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says Yahweh. (2) Therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says against the shepherds who feed my people: “You have scattered my flock, driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings,” says Yahweh. (3) “I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they will be fruitful and multiply. (4) I will set up shepherds over them, who will feed them. They will no longer be afraid or dismayed, neither will any be lacking,” says Yahweh.”

If the shepherds of God’s people fail in their duty and job, God will expel them and receive another to Himself. So, if you want to please the One who has called you, you must follow the guidelines in this study and many others we have produced on the topic. Help them find the narrow path. Keep them on the narrow path of repentance and obedience. Teach the flock to love God with their lives, not just their mouths or pocketbooks. You cannot show others how to forsake the world, if you are still “living it up” in it. Don’t expect people to understand your mixed message of your double standards. While it is impossible to be perfect, it is not impossible to raise the standard up high of the Christian life. All you have to do is exalt God, Jesus, their conduct and character, and tell everyone: “Here is the standard- be like this!” Then trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to transform your life and their life into a pleasing example of a Christian. A Christian that God and Jesus can be proud of.

For further warnings and teachings by Jesus against “Anti-Christ Teachers”, Please Read: Matthew Chapter 23.