

God Told Me

- Jeremiah 23:13-22 -

- A. It is a disgrace for someone to use God's name in vain. But there is nothing "safe" about people saying "God told me..."
- B. The false "inspiration" by lying prophets caused Judah to be captured by Babylon. The false messages people believe God speaks to them today is no less troubling (**2 Peter 2:1-3**).
- C. Some believe *if* _____ *promises* _____, *He's talking to me, but if He promises* _____, *God's talking about someone else*...
- D. Others believe God spoke to them, but it is a _____ for _____ - _____ (**2 Tim 4:3,4**)...
- E. Those who believe God speaks to them leads to _____ *of* _____ ...

1. The _____

- A. Verbally forging God's name to one's own agenda met with God's judgment in the O.T. (**Jer 23**).
- B. Consider what God will do in **Jeremiah 13:9-11,14**...
- C. What does that mean to us? Notice Paul's message in _____. God cares about what you do and He does not overlook sin... God is "bigger than your gamblin'", but you have to stop gambling (or any other sin).
- D. Look at _____. Nothing about us goes unnoticed.
- E. Examples....
 1. God's promise to Joshua (**Josh 1:5**), then Israel loses the battle at Ai (**Josh 7:6**). Israel may be God's people, but He will punish them for disobedience.
 2. The grace of God abounds (**Rom 5:12-21**), but it does not give license to sin (**Rom 6:1,2**).
 3. What does **2 Timothy 2:12,13**? Is it permission to sin?

2. What is a _____ and _____ ?

- A. A prophet foretells or predicts the future, but he speaks "*in the name Jehovah*" (**Deut 18:19,22**), & it is required that all hearken unto his words (**v.19**).
- B. He must point to God (**Deut 13:1-5**). His message does not distort revelation already given (**Rom 15:4; 2 Tim 3:16,17**)
- C. Does the prophecy build up the kingdom of God or promote the kingdom of men (**2 Cor 4:5**) ?
- D. Does the message cater to pride or self-justification (**1 Jn 2:16**)
- E. Does the message contain hope to the exclusion of condemnation?
- F. Note too, that today, prophets and prophecies have ceased (**1 Cor 13:8-10**)...

3. _____ !!!

- A. Give attention to **1 John 4:1**... Be spiritually discerning...
- B. When you are weak in faith, it is a great risk to someone's crafty and deceitful ways (**1 Thess 5:14,15**)...
- C. God's word is for all. It is not selected for certain people at a certain time to the exclusion of others (**Matt 28:19-20**)...
- D. Never blame others for your spiritual failings. There is no one else to blame...