

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - MARCH 11, 2018

TOPIC: BUILDING OURSELVES UP!

Sermon 7: *By Discerning Heresy!*

TEXT: Colossians 2:6-8; Jude 17-23

INTRO: Background of the Book of Jude!

I. HOW DOES DISCERNING HERESY BUILD US UP?:

Note: Understanding false teachings makes us conscious of false teachers':

1. DECEPTION - Col. 2:8
 - Mormons!
2. CONTAGIOUS TEACHINGS - II Peter 2:-1-2
 - The Three Largest Religions Of The World!
3. TRUE IDENTITY AND FALSE TEACHINGS - II Peter 2:1
 - A. They deny the Lord Jesus - v.4b
 - 1) In His *purity* - Hebrews 4:15
 - 2) In His *deity* - Rom. 9:5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8
 - Jehovah's Witnesses!
 - B. They defile the body - v.8a
 - Smoking/Alcohol!
 - C. They make up stories and flatter people using flowery language for the sake of gaining advantage - II Peter 2:3; Jude 16b
 - Roosevelt's Fortune Teller!
 - D. They bring in "*destructive heresies*" - II Peter 2:1b
 - Hot-Foot Yoga Cult!
 - E. They despise and reject all forms of governmental authorities - v.8b cf. Rom. 13:1-2; I Tim. 2:1-2
 - F. They are devoid of the Holy Spirit-v.19b cf. Rom. 8:9
 - False Teachers'/Cults' Final Authority!
 - G. They prohibit people from *marrying* - I Tim. 4:3
 - Doctrine of Celibacy vs. Lev. 21:13-15
 - H. They prohibit people from *eating*, especially meat - I Tim. 4:3 cf. vv.3b-5
 - SDA vs. Deuteronomy 14:1-21; Rom. 6:14

II. WHAT DOES GOD COMMAND US RE HERESY:

Note: "*ungodly*" = 4 x mentioned in Jude, as they are not of God!

1. *Negative Command*

A. Do not receive them into your home - II John 10

Why?

- 1) Because you may get influenced and/or confused by their false, deceptive teachings!
- 2) Because you become an accessory of their "*wicked work!*" - II John 11

2. *Positive Command*

- A. Build up ourselves in the faith - v.20
- B. Keep ourselves in God's love - v.21
- C. Win the lost at any cost! - vv.22-23

CONCLUSION: False teachers with their false teachings are around us. They are everywhere!

Armageddon Date Revised!

September 1975 had been the date set for the world's end, according to the Jehovah's Witnesses. However, it now appears that it was a "slight miscalculation," and has been corrected by the sect's 81-year old theologian, F.W. Frantz. The octogenarian squelched the idea of the September date by recalculating that Armageddon will come to pass only after the equivalent number of days that it took Adam to name the animals, and God to create Eve, elapses. By the Witnesses' chronology, Adam was created in 4026 B.C., making Autumn of 1975 the 6,000th anniversary of his creation, one reason for the speculation that this time of year could be the Armageddon date! - *Pastor's Manual*

Verse For Today

"The Spirit clearly says that in the later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons!" - I Timothy 4:1

Food For Thought

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves!" - Jesus

