

Ezekiel 13:1-16

Ezekiel II: *False Prophets / Faithless Bride*

Itching ears ...

I. Spiritual Seduction

- A. Their Lies
- B. Their Lot

II. Two-timing Bride

- A. Her License
- B. Her Lovers

III. Jesus and His People

- A. Judgment of Liars
- B. Jealous for His Bride

... and intolerance.

Children, Listen ...

1. What do false prophets do?
2. How does God feel about false prophets?
3. Do some people like what they have to say?
4. Are there false preachers today?
5. How do you think God feels about them?

Woe, Woe, Woe

Jesus speaks many "woes" in the Gospel and the bulk of them are against false teachers. God does not take kindly to preachers and teachers who lead people astray from His truth and thus from Him. The church, broadly speaking, takes this way too lightly and tolerates teaching that is out of accord with God's Word far too much. When the Bible is toyed with and its message is softened people who are not right with God are often put at ease and made to believe there is peace with for them when there really is no peace. That was the problem of false prophets in Ezekiel's day and it remains the same today. We may not be able to reign in renegade teachers, and sadly many people who claim to be Christians want them around to scratch their itching ears anyway. What we must do is abide by the truth that God has revealed to us and let His Word do its work of convicting and its work of comfort. With the help of the Holy Spirit, conviction will come only when the truly desperate condition of fallen man is spelled out with all its implications. With the help of the Holy Spirit true comfort will come when the Gospel is proclaimed and sinners see that there is a way out of their misery through the work of Jesus and believe in Him. Any preaching that claims peace but denies the Gospel comes from the Father of Lies. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father except through Him. Galatians 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.