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Sermon Notes for October 22nd, 2023

“Spiritual Hydroplaning”

Sermon Text: **Matthew 7:15-23 (p. 1032)**; Old Testament Text: **Proverbs 1:28-33 (p. 670)**;

New Testament Text: **Colossians 1:9-14 (p. 1251)**.

Matthew 7:15-23 (NIV): “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

Read **Matthew 7:15-23 (NIV)** above while listening to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Matthew 7:15** above. Do you think false prophets in a church need to be in a position of leadership, or is it possible to lead people astray simply by living contrary to the Word of God?

2. Read **Matthew 7:16-20** above. According to this passage of scripture, is it possible to bear good fruit simply by pretending to be Christian?

What kind of good fruit do you think would be displayed in someone’s life if they are truly seeking to follow Jesus?

What kind of bad fruit do you think would be displayed in the life of someone pretending to follow Christ?

3. Read **Proverbs 1:28-33 (p. 670)**. In v. 28, God says He will not hear the prayers of some people. Then, in vv. 29-30 He tells us why He won't hear their prayers. List those reasons below.

V. 31 says, *they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have the fill of their own devices*. Do you think the fruit they will eat will be good fruit or bad fruit? Give your reason for thinking this way.

In v. 32, from what or from whom did the *simple turn away*?

How can complacency destroy us?

According to v. 33, how can we be secure in our salvation.

4. Read **Matthew 7:21-23** above. According to this passage, what is the Lord expecting from those who claim to know Him?

How can it be possible that someone might *prophesy in Jesus's name or drive out demons or perform miracles* and yet fail to achieve salvation? (Hint: Read **1 Corinthians 13:1-3 on p. 1220.**)

5. What will you remember most from this sermon?