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Inhibitors To Walking Circumspectly

Matthew 7: ¹⁴For the gate is **narrow** and the way is **hard that leads to life**, and those who find it are few. ¹⁵ "**Beware of false prophets**, who come to you in sheep's clothing **BUT** inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶**You will recognize them by their fruits.** Are grapes gathered from **thornbushes**, or figs from **thistles**? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, **but the diseased tree** bears **bad fruit**. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ **Every tree** that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰**Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.** ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, **you workers of lawlessness.**'

2 Peter 3: ² that you should **remember** the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

Matthew 24: ³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and **what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?**" ⁴Jesus answered: "**Watch out that no one deceives you.** ⁵**FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive MANY.**

Ezekiel 34: ¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"Son of man, **prophecy against the shepherds of Israel**; prophecy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, **but you do not feed the sheep.**

Jude 1: ¹²These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, **as they feast with you** without fear, **shepherds feeding themselves**; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; **fruitless** trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; ¹³wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. (*ai na-age-lasting*)

Ezekiel 34: ⁴**The weak** you have not strengthened, **the sick** you have not healed, **the injured** you have not bound up, **the strayed** you have not brought back, **the lost** you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵**So they were scattered, BECAUSE there was NO SHEPHERD**, and they became food for all the wild beasts. ⁶**My sheep** were scattered; **they wandered** over all the mountains and on every high hill. **My sheep were scattered** over all the face of the earth, with none to **SEARCH** or **SEEK** for them.

Luke 19: ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to **seek** and to **save the lost.**"

Jeremiah 23: ¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the **prophets who prophecy** to you, filling you with **vain hopes**. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷**They say continually** to those who despise the word of the LORD, **'It shall be well with you'**; and **to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart**, they say, **'No disaster shall come upon you.'**" ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to **SEE** and to **HEAR his word**, **or who has paid attention to his word and listened?**

²¹ "I did not send the prophets, YET they ran; I did not speak to them, YET they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

Ezekiel 34: ⁷"Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep. ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

Matthew 15: ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent ONLY to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Matthew 23: ¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. ¹⁶"Woe to you, blind guides,.....

Ezekiel 34: ³⁰ And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD. ³¹ And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD."

Jeremiah 23: ²³ "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what **the prophets** have said who **prophecy lies in my name**, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of **the prophets who prophecy lies, and who prophecy the deceit of their own heart,** ²⁷ **who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams** that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, **but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully.** What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? ³⁰ Therefore, behold, **I am against the prophets,** declares the LORD, who steal my words from one another. ³¹ Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who use their tongues and declare, 'declares the LORD.' ³² **Behold, I am against those who prophecy lying dreams, declares the LORD, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them. So they do not profit this people at all, declares the LORD.**

Jude 1: ⁸ **Yet in like manner these people also,** relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

Jeremiah 23: ³³ "When one of this people, or a **prophet** or a **priest** asks you, 'What is the burden of the LORD?' you shall say to them, **'You are the burden,** and I will cast you off, declares the LORD.' ³⁴ And as for the **prophet, priest,** or one of the people who says, 'The burden of the LORD,' I will punish that man and his household. ³⁵ Thus shall you say, every one to his neighbor and every one to his brother, 'What has the LORD answered?' or 'What has the LORD spoken?'

³⁶But 'the burden of the LORD' you shall mention no more, for the burden is every **man's own word, and you pervert the words of the living God**, the LORD of hosts, our God.

1 Peter 5: ¹So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, **as well as a partaker in the glory** that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴**And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.** ⁵Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God **opposes the proud BUT gives grace to the humble.**" ⁶ **Humble yourselves**, therefore, under the mighty hand of God **so that at the proper time he may exalt you**, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ **Resist him, firm in your faith**, knowing that the same **kinds of suffering** are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.