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Contend for the Faith

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Mt. 13:25 - "While everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away."

v. 3-4 - Beloved although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain men have crept *in* unnoticed.

2 Cor. 11:14-15 - Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it's no surprise that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.

1. Look at the False Teacher's Authority

v. 8 - Likewise also these *dreamers*

False teachers invent/dream up things that aren't in the Bible.

Remember what verse 3 says?

v. 3 - contend for the faith that was *once for all* delivered to the saints.

2. Look at the False Teacher's Approach

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v. 8 - Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh.

2 Peter 2:18 - They mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people.

2 Tim. 4:3 - *The time will come when people won't put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

3. Look at the False Teacher's Arrogance

v. 8 - They defile the flesh, reject authority and speak evil of dignitaries.

v. 10 - They speak evil of what they don't know...

v. 9 - Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Deut. 34:5-6 - So Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, just as the LORD had said. The LORD buried him in a valley near Beth-peor in Moab, but to this day no one knows the exact place.

2 Kings 18:4 - Hezekiah broke up the bronze serpent that Moses had made, because the people of Israel had been offering sacrifices to it.

Satan's main goal isn't to get people to worship him, but to get people to worship anyone or anything but the one true God.

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1. False teachers follow the way of Cain. They're Self-Righteousness

Genesis 4:4-5 - The LORD accepted Abel and his offering, but He didn't accept Cain and his offering.

Genesis 3:7 - So they sewed *fig leaves* together and made coverings for themselves.

Gen. 3:21 - The LORD God made clothing from *animal skins* for Adam and his wife.

2. False teachers commit the error of Balaam. They're Greedy.

v. 11 - they have run *greedily* in the error of Balaam *for profit*.

Rev. 2:14 - Balaam taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality.

Titus 1:7 - A bishop must not be greedy for money.

1 Timothy 5:18 - The worker deserves his wages.

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3. False teachers follow the rebellion of Korah. They're Rebellious.

v. 11 - Woe to them! For they've gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and *perished in the rebellion of Korah*.

Numbers 16:1-3 - Now Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath son of Levi, along with some Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—conducted a rebellion against Moses, along with 250 men of Israel renowned as leaders of the congregation and representatives in the assembly. They came together against Moses and Aaron and told them, “You've taken too much upon yourselves! For everyone in the entire congregation is holy, and the LORD is in their midst. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?”

Numbers 16:19-21, 32-33 - When Korah had gathered his whole assembly against them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the glory of the LORD appeared to the whole congregation. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Separate yourselves from this congregation so that I may consume them in an instant.” ... and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households—all Korah's men and all their possessions. So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.

v. 12 - These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They're clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; ¹³ raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

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How to spot a False Teacher:

1. Look at the False Teacher's _____

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The pattern of False Teachers:

1. False teachers follow _____

2. False teachers commit _____

3. False teacher's follow _____

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