
BIBLE TALK

Part 3

This week we are continuing our discussion from the last two weeks: **Lessons we must learn from terrorism.**

There are three lessons we must learn from the terrorism of September 11:

- **First: It matters what you believe in religion.**
- **Second: There is such a thing as right and wrong in religion.** The idea that all religions are of equal value and that there is no standard of right and wrong is false.
- **Third:** (This is what we're going to talk about this week) **There is such a thing as a false prophet – a false religious leader.**

The idea of a “false prophet” is laughable to many people. In our culture all religions are legal. No one has a right to say to another person, “*You cannot believe certain things.*” Or, “*You cannot practice that religion.*” Because every religion is legal, many have drawn the unwarranted conclusion that:

- Every religion is equal in value.
- Every religion is equally right.
- Every religion is equally beneficial.

These are wrong conclusions. While it is true all religions are legal in America, this does not mean everyone is right. People have the right to be wrong if they so choose.

Not every religious belief is of equal value. Not all religions are right and beneficial. The events of September 11 make this an undeniable truth.

ISLAMIC LEADERS ARE WRONG

My friend, all Islamic leaders have a right to believe what they believe, but this right does not make the “right.” In other words, they may legally exist, but they are wrong in their religious beliefs. They are false prophets – false religious leaders. Jesus said:

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

This means no one can go to heaven, no one can be saved, without becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

John 10:7-10

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Listen to this friend. A “thief,” in this passage, means any other religious leader who comes along teaching there is a way to heaven without following Jesus. Any religious leader besides Jesus is a false religious leader. This means that Mohammed, Osama bin Laden, the Ayatollah of Iran, and any other religious leader of Islam is a false religious leader because they are suggesting another way to heaven than Jesus.

The thief comes to “*steal, to kill and destroy,*” Jesus said. Just look at the Pentagon and the World Trade Tower rubble and you will see that Islamic leaders are the thieves describes by Jesus in John 10.

Matthew 7:15-20

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

16 "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 "Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Look at the fruits of Islamic leaders. "*You will know them by their fruits,*" Jesus said. "*A bad tree bears bad fruit,*" Jesus said. Look at the fruit of Islamic leaders. Look at New York and Washington D.C. and see the fruit of this religion which claims to follow God. They are false prophets.

EXTENDING THE THOUGHT

Let us be keenly aware that there are indeed false religious leaders in the world. The scriptures **plainly** state that all religious truth would be delivered to the apostles of Christ (Jn. 16:13). Once all truth was delivered, "prophecies would fail" (1 Cor. 13:8-10). This means prophecies would stop. All truth was delivered within the life time of the apostles of Christ and then revelation from God ceased. The "faith" was delivered "once and for all" (Jude 1:3). There is no more direct revelation from God today.

- Joseph Smith, Jr.
- Mary Baker Eddy
- Mohammed
- Osama bin Laden
- The Ayatollah of Iran
- And all other "would-be" prophets

Are false prophets. None of them received any message from God. The NT is the final, inerrant, complete, and authoritative body of truth. There is no religious or moral truth outside the scriptures.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:3

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

September 11 teaches us, if we will open our minds, that there is such a thing as false prophets and false religious leaders. It teaches us that not all religions are of equal value. It teaches us that sincerity alone is not enough and that there is a definite standard of right and wrong. Will we learn the lesson or not?