

God's Word has much to say about the folly and fate of fables. Consider a few verses where these are mentioned:

- *...refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness* (1 Timothy 4:7)
- *And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables* (2 Timothy 4:4)
- *Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth* (Titus 1:14)
- *Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do* (1 Timothy 1:4)
- *From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm* (1 Timothy 1:6-7)

A fable is foolishness, that which is contrary to truth, a falsification of facts. Fables are brought forth by Satan to create a make-believe world – a world which many will sadly follow after, that they may justify in themselves their sinful ways.

God tells us in 2 Timothy 4:4 that fables are the opposite of truth. The Holy Scriptures have warned us numerous times about false doctrines. These warnings are clearly described in several different ways:

- “damnable heresies” (2 Peter 2:1),
- “every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14),
- “the rudiments of the world” (Colossians 2:20),
- “the commandments and doctrines of men” (Colossians 2:22)
- “another gospel” (Galatians 1:6).

### **How Do Men Create Fables?**

*Some do this by changing the truth into a lie* (Romans 1:25) and by adding or taking away words. For example, in Genesis 3:4 we read where

the devil told Eve, “*Ye shall **not** surely die*”. Satan simply added a three letter word to God's truth – a change that bought damnation into the world.

*Others create fables when they attach traditions of men to the word of God.* In Acts 15:1 we read that there were those who desired men to follow their fables as they taught, “*Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.*” Many still create fables today as they try to incorporate their traditions, saying this is what we have always done and or my parents did it this way.

*There are those also who will exchange the truth for a fable as they say “we just don't do that anymore because it doesn't work.”* Leaving out a commandment is the same as saying God doesn't know what he is doing!

*Another, maybe even more common way that men will and have done damage to the word is by offering different versions or translations of the Holy Bible.* There are very few versions that are good but a host of them have had doctrine altering changes made. Yet we know that any changes made to the word of God makes it something else, a perversion (Galatians 1:7).

Deuteronomy 4:2 and 12:32, Proverbs 30:6, Galatians 3:15 are among the many verses which warn against changing the Word of God. Notice the following passages which plainly warn us against making changes to the Word of God and give the tragic consequences to one who would dare to make such a change:

*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19)*

*Touch not taste not handle not; Which all are to perish with the using; after the commandments*

*and doctrines of men? (Colossians 2:21-22)*

### **But, Who Would Pervert the Gospel? How Would We Know Who this Person Might Be?**

There isn't any way we can just look at a person and make that determination. We can observe that a person would do great things and would help you physically and could be relied upon to even save your life. However this doesn't necessarily mean he would do or say the right things for you spiritually.

The scriptures warn us clearly about such people:

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (Matthew 7:15)

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking **perverse things**, to draw away disciples after them. (31) Therefore **watch**, and remember, That by the space of three years I ceased not to **warn** every one night and day with tears (Acts 20:30-31)

These verses tell us that a person(s) even within the flock could be those that would pervert the Word of God. What do we watch for?

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorn, or figs of thistles? (Matthew 7:16)

Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. (Matthew 15:11)

There are some who align themselves with false brethren and then bring their damnable heresies in small increments. This is the way it has been done with different versions and in and outside the assembly.

### **What Can We Do to Fight Against Fables?**

*To do this we need a weapon that is effective and fail proof!*

The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edge sword (Hebrews 4:12).

...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17)

All scriptures is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

*But like any weapon it is not any good if we don't know how to use it. We must be trained or edified*

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15)

This is training that takes priority the rest of our lives. Yes there are those who go to preaching schools to increase that learning curve. These schools are still are part of the body of Christ and under the oversight of elders. We can have education by numerous secular means, but the ...“manifold wisdom of God is made known **by the church**” (Eph 3:10) which is the **only authority** we have. It make perfect sense to be taught by “*some evangelists’ and some, pastors and teachers;*”(Ephesians 4:11) and faithful men (2 Timothy 2:2).

For the perfecting of: the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13)

However there is nothing worse than having the knowledge (sword of the Spirit) and then not using it! Keeping our mouth shut is a huge waste and we will be held accountable. Fables cannot be suppressed by doing or saying nothing.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Timothy 4:2)

These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority, Let no man despise thee (Titus 2:15)

You might say, I'm not a good speaker or I don't

do well with my mouth. There is nothing in the scripture that say we have to be well spoken. If we can utter the word of truth that is all that's required of us. We can and must support preaching of the word monetarily and through encouragement etc. As listeners we have the responsibility to be learned as well as those proclaiming the Gospel by searching the scriptures.

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so (Acts 17:11)

This is a vital part of keeping cunningly devised fables cut out.

### **What Is the Fate of Those That Will Bring in Damnable Heresies?**

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but **the end thereof are the ways of death** (Proverbs 16:25)

But there were false prophets also among the people even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and **bring upon themselves swift destruction** (2 Peter 2:1)

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed** (Galatians 1:8)

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