

## Jeremiah 5:31

***The prophets prophesy falsely,  
And the priests rule by their own power;  
And My people love to have it so.  
But what will you do in the end?***

“God told me to tell you that \_\_\_\_\_, and boy, is He ever mad at you.”

“Gay priests and pastors, it’s ok with God.”

“God says you need to give to this ministry by 3:00PM on Friday or this ministry will shut down”

“It’s ok that you are living together even though you are not married, because you are married in God’s eyes.”

Those are some pretty scary things that you just read, aren’t they? But the sad part is that they are actual statements that people have said to others (***The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power***) and even worse is that so many believe them (***and My people love to have it so.***)

If God has a word for you that someone is telling you and you are quick to listen and be obedient to what they say, but you don’t check it out in scripture, then you are walking on shaky, unstable ground.

Just because someone tells you that “God said” does not mean it’s truly from God. If you read the Old Testament, there were false prophets you would say “Thus says the Lord” when God said, He never told them anything.

So, how do you know if what they say is from God or not?

First off, God will not tell you to do something that is contrary to His word. So unless you are in the word everyday, or check out what was said in His word, you won’t know if it’s from God or not.

Second if God has something to say to you, why doesn’t He tell you Himself? Has God misplaced you so He says, “Oh-no, I can’t find so and so, if you see them tell them \_\_\_\_\_ for Me.” Sound ridiculous doesn’t it.

But if you want to hear from God, then read His word, because He will speak to you through His word, and will not tell you to do anything that is not in, or that is contrary to His word.

An example would be a couple living together outside of marriage. So what they will do is take the creation account in Genesis and say that, “*Adam and Eve were not married, and God brought us together just like he did with them, so it’s ok with God.*”

This type of thinking is from the pit of hell. God instituted the marriage, and notice the first recorded miracle of Jesus (turning water into wine) was performed at a wedding feast. Jesus was there because He knew that God instituted the marriage.

Don't allow any man or woman to twist scripture around to feed their own lusts or desires (*and My people love to have it so.*), and we shouldn't do the same for ourselves either.

† **Deuteronomy 5:11 (NLT2)** *You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.*

Also remember that God will bring wise counselors to you when it is needed. These are seasoned men and women of God, who study the scriptures and will give you counsel according to God's word, not their opinion or what you want to hear. They will not come to you seeking anything from you, but to simply give you God's word.

† **Proverbs 11:14** *Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.*

† **Jeremiah 10:21 (NLT2)** *The shepherds of my people have lost their senses. They no longer seek wisdom from the LORD. Therefore, they fail completely, and their flocks are scattered.*

† **Isaiah 1:26 (NLT2)** *Then I will give you good judges again and wise counselors like you used to have. Then Jerusalem will again be called the Home of Justice and the Faithful City."*

† **Proverbs 15:22** *Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.*