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4:1—6:24

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Preface

1. This book has been published as an aid to the saints in developing a daily time of morning revival with the Lord in His word and also as an aid to the saints in preparing a short prophecy for the meetings of the church.
2. The materials used in this book were taken primarily from the Recovery Version of the New Testament and the *Life-study of Ephesians*. The Recovery Version text and footnotes have been revised, and new footnotes have been added.
3. An outline for the verses covered in this volume is presented at the beginning of the book to give an overview of the sections covered.
4. Each chapter provides six daily portions from the Word with related excerpts from the ministry of Brother Witness Lee. Some key verses are shown in bold because they are especially rich and deserving of special consideration and prayer. For each day space is provided for the saints to write short notes concerning their spiritual inspiration, enlightenment, and enjoyment to serve as a reminder of what they have received of the Lord that morning.
5. As a practical aid to the saints' feeding on the Word throughout the day, detachable verse cards for each day have been provided inside the front and back covers. These cards contain selected verses from each day's portion of the Word and can be removed and carried along as a source of spiritual nourishment in the saints' daily life.
6. At the end of each week, an outline covering that week's selection of verses, a short summary of the crucial points from that week's readings, and a place for composing a short prophecy are provided. This prophecy can be composed by putting all our notes, the "harvest" of our

inspirations of the past six mornings, together on the last day of the week to be spoken in the church meeting on the Lord's Day for the organic building up of the Body of Christ.

7. The *Life-study of Ephesians*, the footnotes on the text of the Recovery Version of the New Testament, and the outline have all been prepared by Witness Lee.

Ephesians 5:11-14

- 11 And do not participate in the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove *them*.**
- 12 For the things which are done by them in secret it is shameful even to speak of.
- 13 But all things which are reproved are made manifest by the light; for everything that makes manifest is light.**
- 14 Therefore He says, “Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”**

Portions from Life-study messages

In verse 11 Paul says, “And do not participate in the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them.” The unfruitful works of darkness are vanity, whereas the fruit of the light is truthfulness [v. 9], reality, [truth]. Just as Paul commands us to walk as children of light, he also commands us not to participate in the unfruitful works of darkness.

In verse 11 Paul commands us to reprove the unfruitful works of darkness. In verse 13 he says, “But all things which are reproved are made manifest by the light; for everything that makes manifest is light.” The Greek word rendered reprove may also be rendered expose, uncover, or rebuke.

It is a very difficult matter to reprove or rebuke someone. Most people reject a rebuke and feel enmity toward the one who rebukes them. There is an element in the fallen human nature that rejects rebuking, reprovng, or exposing. Therefore, if possible, we should not expose or rebuke anyone. However, there are times when rebuking is necessary. At such times, the one who does the rebuking must be sure that he himself is very clean. He is like a surgeon who must cleanse himself of all germs before performing surgery. If you have not been purified, you are not qualified to operate on

someone by rebuking or exposing him, for the germs in you will cause the other to be contaminated. The reason most rebukes are not successful is that those who give the rebuke are not pure. Therefore, immediately after the “surgery” infection sets in. Before we can reprove or expose someone, we must be purified, or even sterilized. We must be clean in our thought, motive, feeling, and intention. We must be pure in our heart and in our spirit. This is one aspect of the matter of reproofing.

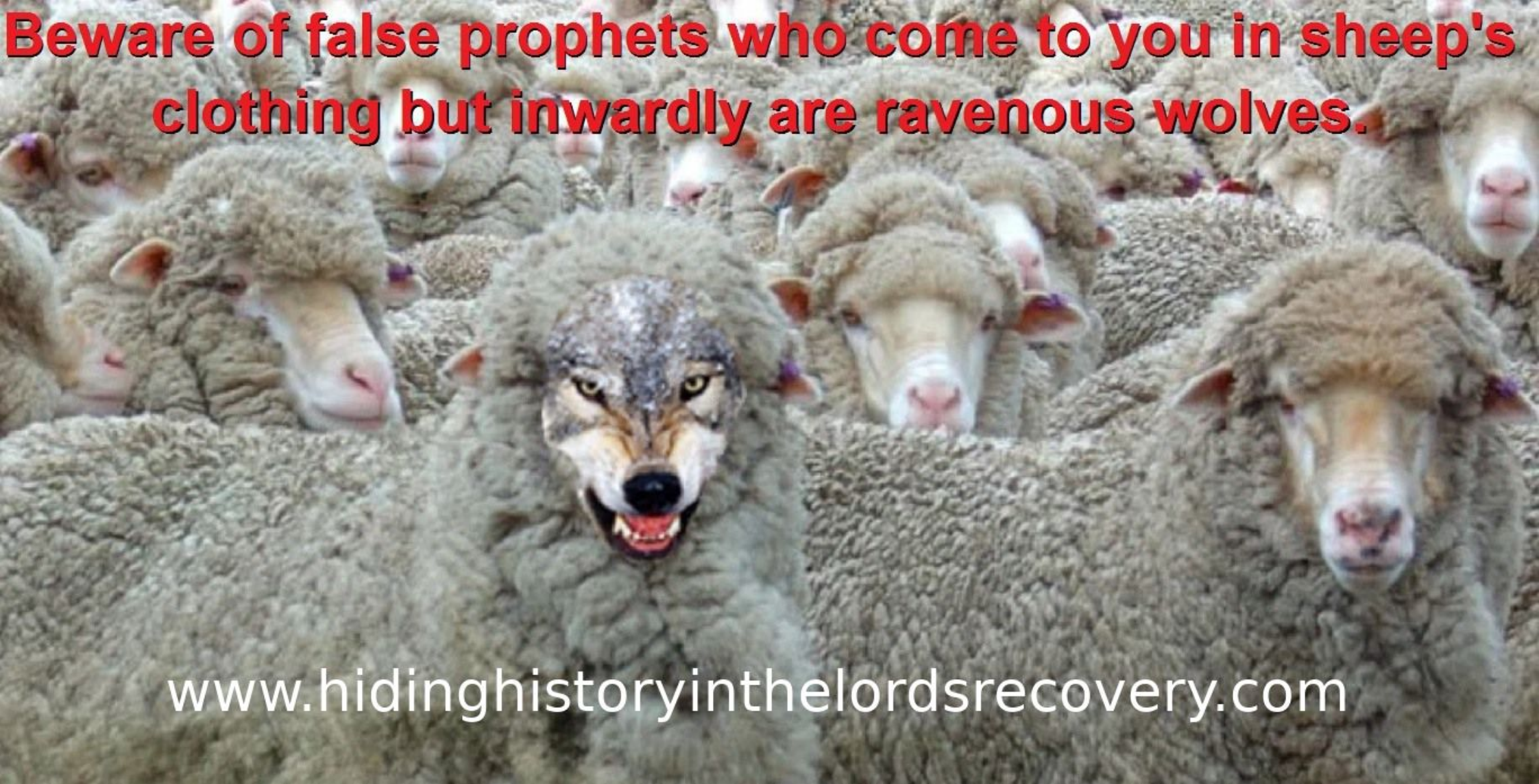
Another aspect concerns the one who receives the reproof or the rebuke. If you are being rebuked by someone, you should not try to discern whether or not the one rebuking you is pure. Simply receive the rebuke, the exposure. If you do this, you will be blessed. You will be aroused from sleep, and Christ will shine on you. Every rebuke, whether pure or impure, clean or unclean, is the shining of Christ. Whenever we are rebuked, we should say, “Lord, I worship You for Your shining. This rebuke is Your shining, and I receive it.” To receive a rebuke is to walk in light. This means that if we are not willing to accept a rebuke, we are walking in darkness. If we are truly walking in the light, we shall be able to profit from any kind of rebuking.

In verse 14 Paul says, “Therefore He says, ‘Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’” The sleeping one who needs the exposing mentioned in verses 11 and 13 is also a dead one. He needs to awake from sleep and arise from death. When we expose or reprove anyone who is sleeping and in the darkness of death, Christ will shine on him. Our exposing or reproofing in light is Christ’s shining. (*Life-study of Ephesians*, pp. 428-429)

Suggested daily reading: Life-study of Ephesians, pp. 428-429; Hymns: #407; #249

Enlightenment and inspiration: _____

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



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