

## TEST THE SPIRITS

1John 4:1-6

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Intro – To test the spirits means to determine if someone is speaking for the Lord. The Word of God is the tool we use to test what is true and false. This is vital in today's religious realm.

### I. Don't believe everyone! Matt.24:11

- A. There have always been false prophets/teachers. Jer.23:16, Jer.14:14, Jer.29:8
- B. They had to be tested.
  - 1. If it didn't happen, they're false. Deut.18:20-22
  - 2. IF it did happen but contradicts the Word, they're false. Deut.13:1-5
- C. They will be punished. Deut.13:5,

### II. The written word of God is our tool.

- A. It has already been proven to be true. Prov.30:5
- B. It will not change. Matt.24:35, Num.23:19
- C. What it says is still true today.
- D. Some misquote to justify prophesying today. Joel 2:28 read ch. 2 for context!

### III. Our job is to compare what someone says to the Word of God. Jn.1:1

- A. Know the Greek for "confess" = homologos. Which literally means "say the same thing"
  - 1. You agree that Jesus is God in the flesh. Vs 2, Matt.1:23, Jn.1:14
  - 2. You agree with Jesus. Vs 3.
  - 3. The bible is what Jesus has said to us. 2Tim.3:16
  - 4. Do you agree with it? Ps.119:105, Jn.14:15
- B. Anyone claiming a new message from God today is a false prophet. 1Cor.13:8-10, Rev.22:18,  
Prov.30:5-6

Con. Don't be fooled or deceived by those who are adding on to the Word of God.