Judges 17-18 • How to Start a False Religion

1. (17:1-3) A false religion begins with false **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, most often using the very terms and name of God as if such tricks of vocabulary can give them **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. They will often hold up **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** examples of behavior which, in reality, are not good **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** examples, but have the air and feel of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
2. (17:4-6) A false religion **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the structures, organization, and even many of the practices of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for a single, bottom line purpose: To do what is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in their own eyes, to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** self—not God.
3. (17:7-13) False religion loves to incorporate people with an established **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or well-known for their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the true church so that they can display the image of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and further claim the things and name of God for their own purposes, which are always motivated by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
4. (18:1-2) False religion replaces God’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** plan and instructions with a similar looking **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
5. (18:3-6) False religion attracts **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** spirits that are just as eager to please self and satiate greed as their own self. They attract significant numbers because they’re good at telling people what they want to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, people disposed to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** their self rather than God.
6. (18:7-13) False religion destroys the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the name of Christ, even claiming that it is His will that they do so. Their true motivation, however, is to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** themselves and satisfy their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
7. (18:14-20) False religion is not content with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** something for itself alone; it always seeks to become part of the established and recognized **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** church of Christ. This is because it originates with Satan who desires to destroy the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of Christ.
8. (18:21-26) False religion uses the terms and appearance of conformity to Christianity to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** themselves. They take—usually with no apologies—from their original source and redefine it as their own, resorting to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of anyone seeking to expose them.
9. (18:27-31) The final destination of false religion is the inevitable result of their consistent **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and repeated **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** contrary to God’s Word and ways: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.