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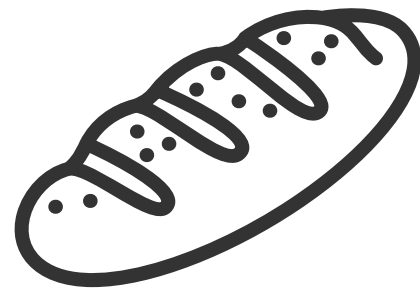
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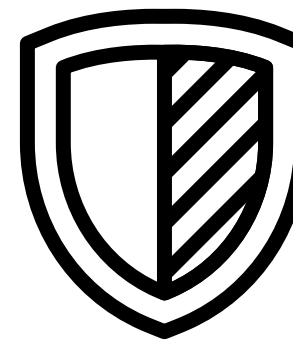
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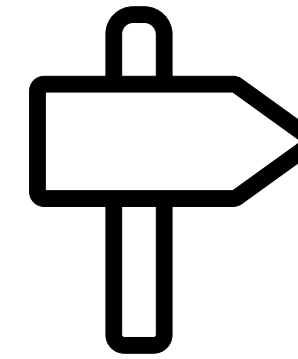
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God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Hebrews 1:1-2



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The moment we
cross into the
New Testament,
there's a massive shift
in the way God
communicates with
His people.



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He sends out His command to the earth;
His word runs very swiftly.

Psalm 147:15



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My job as a pastor is
to point you to Jesus,
not to make you
reliant on me.

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Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:15-16a



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When the **father of lies**
enters the pulpit,
he does it with a
Bible under his arm.

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Then many false prophets will rise up
and deceive many.

Matthew 24:11



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The warning that
there'll be many false
prophets also **implies**
that there are true
prophets.



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PRESUMPTUOUS PROPHETS



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HOW DO WE DEAL WITH THE TARES?

Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Matthew 13:30



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But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

1 John 2:20



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These things I have written to you
concerning those who try to deceive you.

1 John 2:26



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But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

1 John 2:27



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But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 Peter 2:1-3



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² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

2 Peter 2:1-3



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³ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

2 Peter 2:1-3



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