

1“I did not come with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified”(1 Corinthians 2:1-2)

*Definition of False Teacher: One who presumes to teach in the Name of the Lord when God has not sent him.*

False Teacher - John Bevere

## “The Bait of Satan”

From the beginning, Satan tempted man with determining his spiritual status. That’s how he lured Eve into eating from the Tree of Knowledge. “And the serpent said to the woman, ‘You shall not surely die, for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil’” (Genesis 3:4-5 MKJV). John Bevere, one of Satan’s minions, brings a new look to the oldest of temptations.

We hear back from a correspondent at *The Path of Truth*:

hi I am looking at your website. What is your opinion on John Bevere is a teacher. he has books like The bait of Satan and driven by Eternity

We reply:

Hi Stephen,

It’s been going on two years since we last heard from you. How are things? Where are you at spiritually? Did you find work?

We never heard of John Bevere before. Do you want our [opinion](#) or the Word of the Lord? Only the latter is worthy.

John is well presented and professional, as are many of this world. I looked at his website, but couldn’t find much about what he teaches, because it’s only for sale. That tells us everything we need to know right there. Do servants of the Lord sell the truth?

“Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8 EMTV).

(See [Money Solicitation](#) and others of [The True Marks of a Cult.](#))

I also watched a couple-minute preview of a series of sermons for sale, in which John said:

“You are the one that determines the level of your relationship with God.”

Well, if that doesn’t sound like “the bait of Satan.”

Isaiah 14:12-14 MKJV

(12) How you are fallen from the heavens, O shining star, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

(13) For you have said in your heart, “I will go up to the heavens, I will exalt my throne above

the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.  
(14) I will go up above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.”

Where does it say in the Bible that men determine the level of their relationship with God? Satan twists the Scriptures to make it sound this way, but we know full well this isn't what God says or does. He has shown us Who is the Potter and who is the clay. We know that He determines the relationship we have with Him. He draws us to the Son and assigns us our positions in His Body.

1 Corinthians 12:13-25 MKJV

(13) For also by one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, even all were made to drink into one Spirit.

(14) For the Body is not one member, but many.

(15) If the foot shall say, “Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body”; is it therefore not of the body?

(16) And if the ear shall say, “Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body”; is it therefore not of the body?

(17) If all the body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If all hearing, where would be the smelling?

(18) But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the Body as it has pleased Him.

(19) And if they were all one member, where would be the Body?

(20) But now indeed many are the members, yet only one Body.

(21) And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

(22) But much rather the members of the body seeming to be weaker are necessary.

(23) And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we put more abundant honor around them. And our unrepresentable members have more abundant propriety.

(24) For our presentable members have no need, but God tempered the Body together, giving more abundant honor to the member having need;

(25) that there not be division in the Body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

We're called to be faithful in what we've been given, fulfilling *His* mission, but first it must be given to us - all by the grace of God. “He Who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6 MKJV).

“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13 KJV).

John Bevere speaks smooth words that men love to hear, because they cater to their fleshly works of self-willed ambition to be like God - even to the taking of His place.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 MKJV

(3) Let not anyone deceive you by any means. For that Day shall not come unless there first comes a falling away, and the man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition,

(4) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the Temple of God, setting himself forth, that he is God.

What is lacking in any false teachers you bring us, Stephen, is the application of the cross. The only way you'll truly know this is when you take up the cross yourself. See [The Cross - Only the Death Sentence Will Avail](#).

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