

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The background features a stylized landscape. On the right, there are jagged, teal-colored mountains. A path of teal dots winds from the bottom left towards the center. In the foreground, there are two black silhouettes of trees, one on the left and one on the right. The overall color palette is teal, grey, and black.

*Great Teachings from the  
Greatest Teacher*

**A LOOK AT MATTHEW 5-7**

# Main Point

- Follow the Godly leader, who faithfully follows God



“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”

Matthew 7:15 NIV



“By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”

Matthew 7:16-17 NIV



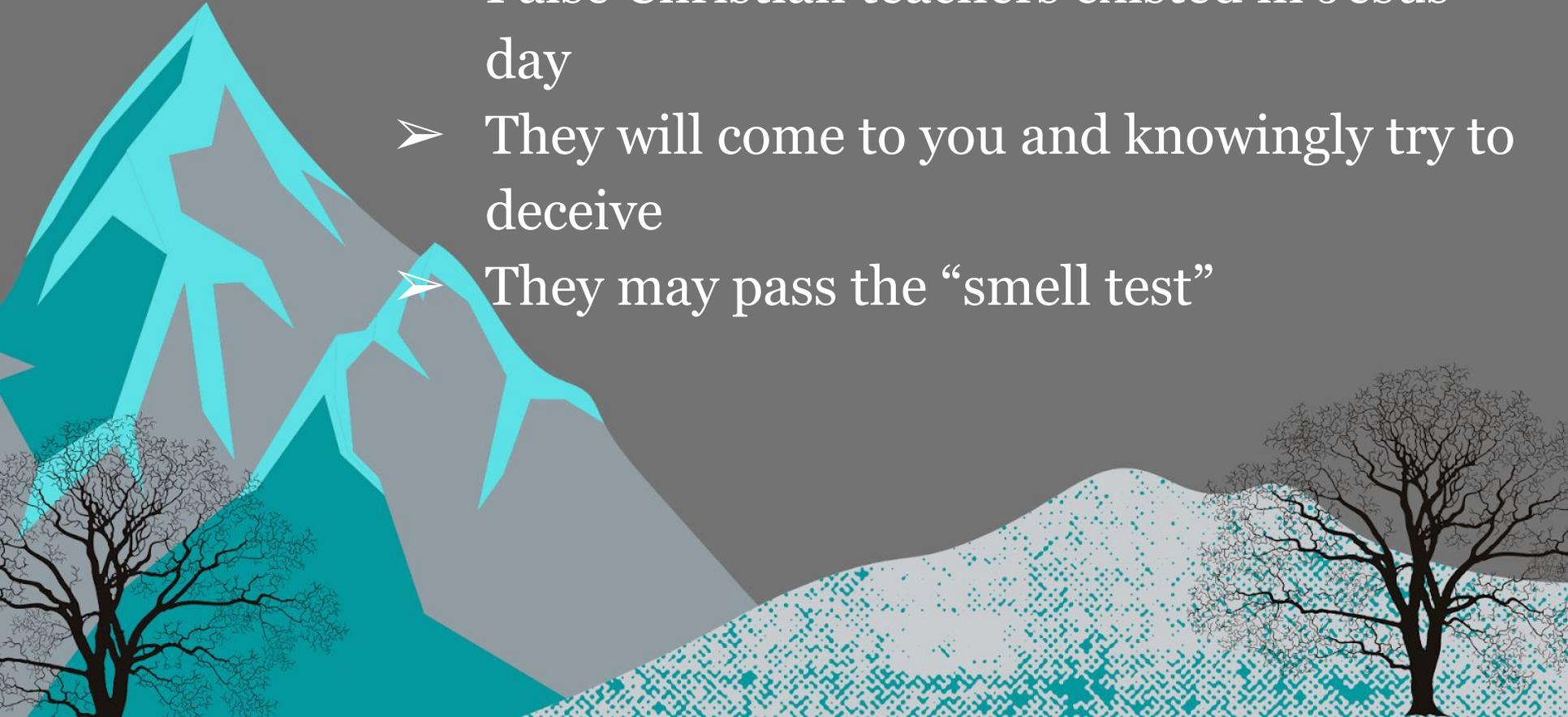
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Matthew 7:18-20 NIV



# The Warning - Teaching

- False Christian teachers existed in Jesus' day
- They will come to you and knowingly try to deceive
- They may pass the “smell test”



# The Warning - Application

- Accept that false teachers exist
- Be cautious and take stock of who you listen to and follow



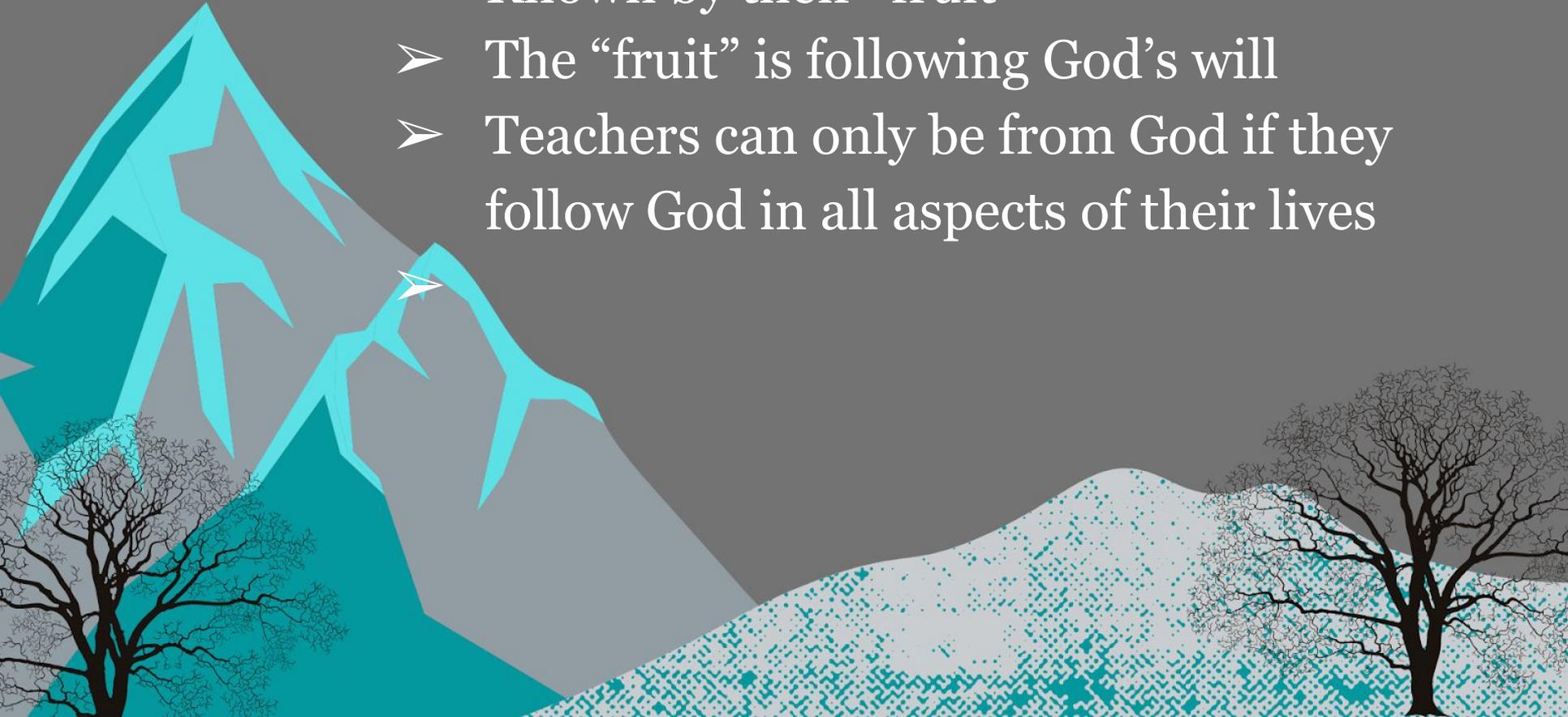
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# The Test - Teaching

- Known by their “fruit”
- The “fruit” is following God’s will
- Teachers can only be from God if they follow God in all aspects of their lives



# The Test - Application

- Do leaders live what they teach?
- Leaders can struggle and have faults
- Jesus gives this caution to help us be protected



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# The Result - Teaching

- False teachers do not get a pass
- They are judged by God



# The Result - Application

- False teachers do not get a pass
- We are not called to be the ax
- God will render His judgement



# Closing

- You deserve to be led well
- “Leaders are followers of Jesus before they are leaders.”
- Leaders have to faithfully follow God and have God be their main leader

