

Listening

Stop Listening to Preachers

Jeremiah 23:16-32

Jeremiah 23:16a

This is what the **Lord Almighty** says:

“Do not listen to what the **prophets**
are **prophesying** to you;

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3. When preachers try to make a **name for themselves** instead of **Jesus**.
4. When preachers stop telling God's Word just like **it says!**

**Inspiration from
God.**



From the author's cultural perspective, communicating God's Word to the culture of the original audience.

**Truths that transcend
time and
space**

Trying to understand from our own contemporary cultural perspectives.



**Any contemporary
interpretation of scripture
must correspond to the
meaning intended by the
author and understood
by the ancient reader.**

5. When preachers **steal** one
another's **sermons!**

Jeremiah 23:30-31

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“Therefore,” declares the Lord, “I **am**
against the prophets who **steal** from one
another **words** supposedly from me.

Jeremiah 23:31

Yes,” declares the Lord, “I am **against** the prophets who **wag their own tongues** and yet declare, ‘**The Lord declares.**’

John 12:49–50

For I did not speak on my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me **what** to say and **how** to say it. I know that his command **leads to eternal life**. So whatever I say is **just what** the Father has **told me to say.**”

6. When preachers' preaching
doesn't lead to Jesus!

Jeremiah 23:32

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Indeed, I am **against** those who prophesy false dreams,” declares the Lord. “**They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least,**” **declares the Lord.**

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Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the **word** of our God **endures forever.**”