

words, contrary to the instructions which the general Church had learned of their regularly appointed ministry. It was while speaking of such that they were told that "grievous wolves would creep in among them." The term "wolves" might appear rather harsh and bitter; but what better expression could be used? The character of the persons described, and the actual effect of their conduct, were to *divide* the flock, and to tear it to pieces; and is not this the character of wolves? "Beware of false prophets," says the Lord himself, "which come to you *in sheep's clothing*, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." We should never forget that false prophets, and false Apostles, and false teachers, will generally be "*in sheep's clothing*," will appear very good and very holy—will use many "good words and fair speeches," in order better to deceive the hearts of the simple. It is in no other way that we can account for the many well-meaning men who are often led astray by the deceitful influence of dissent. And, indeed, Jesus Christ says that they would try to "deceive the very elect, if possible."

But, to shew you still better that we are not allowed to disturb the peace of the Church, for every trifling or doubtful objection which may arise in our minds concerning any of her ceremonies, or of her ordinances, I would beg of you to consider attentively all those passages in which the people of God, or the disciples of Christ, are represented as forming but one body, so closely bound together that it can never be put asunder.

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