

WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT 3 AREAS DECEPTION IN THE CHURCH, THE WORLD & SCRIPTURE

First let's take a look at the Word & what it says about DECEPTION

Matthew 24:4,5,11,24; Mark 13:5,6,22; Acts 5:3; Romans 3:13, 7:11,16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:18, 15:33; Galatians 6:3,7 Ephesians 4:14, 5:6; Colossians 2:4 2 Thessalonians 2:3; James 1:22; 1 John 1:8, 2:26,3:7; Revelation 20:3,8 (there are 150 references 7 in Revelation while Jesus warned 10 times)

DECEPTION IS SIMPLY BELIEVING SOMETHING THAT IS NOT TRUE – A LIE Deception causes one to believe what is not true/false or to disbelieve what is true In other words it is to give information that is misleading DECEPTION breeds disobedience, division, disruption, chaos, heartache

WEBSTER dictionary 'the imposing of a false idea or belief that causes bewilderment or helplessness or furthers the agent's purpose' 'being wrong when you think you are right'

DECEPTION is to wander of the path (way) of truth in Middle East If a person wandered off the path in the desert they would almost always die of no water, to wander meant to perish

It is dangerous as it catches you unawares, we are all vulnerable, as it comes from the heart the fallen nature, the tiny seed that's rooted & feed by our egos producing pride, self-promotion, self-preservation, selfishness DECEPTION is the motive & attitude the enemy feeds, nurtures, causing self-reliance & independence in our own abilities & capabilities without God

HOW DOES THE SEED OF DECEPTION START Our spirits are born again but our soul, mind & bodies are not Ever dealt with sin in your life for the accuser to remind you of it? Take heed what you hear Mark 4:24 Do not allow seeds of doubt or error to be sown in your minds or heart

DECEPTION FROM THE WORLD As the World is part of the sin nature which we live in on a daily basis Mark 7:22; Ephesians 4:22; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:1,3:10 speaking deceit Ephesians 5:6 let no one deceive you by their words, compromising by living the best of both worlds you only deceive yourselves 2 Corinthians 6:14 the sin of mixture you go to Church but you still have worldly desires, lust & secret sin in your life

MEDIA & GOVERNMENT We were told by our authorities that if we didn't lock down 80,000 would die by the WHO We were told that NZ had dealt with the pandemic better than other countries This was not true with some 70 countries doing better of note was Taiwan just across from China With 24 million & only 6 deaths Why because they closed their borders immediately they were aware of this virus That during our lockdown both smokes & alcohol were essential services while bakeries, fruit & vegetables shops & butchers (apart from producing Halal meats) were not allowed to open We found that our closed borders were still allowing people in as tourists from India, Asia & the Middle East We had personal experience of it So what we were told was just to assure us the Government was doing the right thing If we obeyed the Government who could do no wrong wed be fine Why did the Government give the racing industry 72.5 million? And rush through the harshest abortion bill the world has seen to allow abortion to take place up to birth (murder) We have tracer app which the Government says is only for future outbreaks yet it has a tracking devise? Are our freedoms eroded? & Churches closed yet funerals can have more than a Church? You have to ask what is the Governments agenda behind it's love of controlling which is a dangerous president Power in the wrong hands causes dictatorship & control based on pride

WE HAVE BECOME DESENSITISED by the World In fact there is so much of the World in the Church there is little difference between us We are bombarded with mistruths, worldly agendas, that influences our spending, who our heroes are, our moral values as the world sees them not God Colossians 2:8 deceptive philosophy, human traditions. Mixture is an attempt to blend opposite & contradictory beliefs into one system to produce a union & accord (man & Gods ways) its called CHRISTLOM where Roman Catholic, Buddhists, Hindu, Muslims & Christianity combine as one Preparing for the Antichrist is a deceiver 2 John 7 Mixture dilutes the truth & the reality reducing its potency & effectiveness like watered down wine

SELF DECEPTION Galatians 6:3 If a man thinks he is something, he is deceived James 1:22 Hearers deceive themselves In other words living life outside of the reality of living & acting as something they are really not Either pushing oneself up or down SELF DECEPTION causes one to justify sin, immorality, factions etc The tragedy is they believe they are right We rationalize, convincing ourselves & sadly others too from the truth We don't actively deceive anyone on purpose We allow false impressions to be uncorrected People think your more spiritual than you really are thus becoming self-righteous, convincing others that your revelations are correct & others not

HOW DECEPTION HAS INFLTRATED THE CHURCH some of these are PROSPERITY TEACHING that if you give you'll get 10-to 100 fold SEEKER SERVICES where the gospel is watered down so those coming feel comfortable & entertained ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED once you have accepted Christ you've made it, no matter what you do WORD TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT OR MISUNDERSTOOD TO SUIT lack preaching whole counsel of God GOOD WORKS/GOOD PERSON is not challenged as the basis of salvation is what Jesus did & not us

PERVERSION OF THE GOSPEL the central truths are replaced by subtle truths including hearing less & less of sin, repentance, hell, Lordship, holiness, sacrifice, blood, gifts etc Instead we get how to be successful in life, how to solve our problems without deliverance, the fringe benefits of our faith or grace without guts

Matthew 27:63,64 When He was still alive that the deceiver (Jesus) said After 3 days I am to rise again Here the Chief priests/Pharisees speaking to Pilate about deception yet they were the very ones who were deceived 2 Corinthians 11:4 enticed by false teachers 2 Peter 2:12 false doctrine 1 Timothy 4:1 false prophet Matthew 24:24 false ministries 2 Corinthians 11:14,15 wolves in sheep clothing Matthew 7:15

Parable of the sower & seed Luke 8:4-15 Sower = Pastor/Christian while seed is Word of God referring to the 4 types of ground Hosea 10:12 Not about the non-Christian, it's where the seed is sown Evidence is in its fruit Matthew 13:15 ground that must be prepared is repentant A progression here 1 HEARS 2 HEART 3 ROOTED 4 FRUITFUL 5 PERSERVERS Matthew 13:24-30 it's talking about the wheat & tares & again in verses 36-43 The point is that it's up to use to prepare the ground & to sow in fertile repentant soil but for too many who have sown it's not well prepared & the fall away

Eve was deceived by the cunning serpent Satan Did God Say? Genesis 3:1 v4 you won't die! V5 you will be like God your eyes will be opened; you will know good & evil v6 eye gate v7 saw their sinful nature being naked Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent & the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on Satan is master deceiver the father of lies John 8:44 1 NEED TO KNOW THW WORD OF GOD & won't be deceived ie counterfeit money (know real thing) Hear His voice but have know it first John 10:27, 3-5; 4:39-42 when know His voice discern that its not Him 1 John 4:1 many ways God speaks but need peace & inner witness at least 2 In alignment with the Word of God if it sounds to good to be true probably isn't ie money schemes. 3 Believe lie then deceived & deceive others 2 Timothy 3:13 deceiving & being deceived Satan is the source Revelation 12:7-12 he deceives the whole world He is disguised as angel of light

Jacob (schemer) deceived Esau Genesis 27:1-29 1 WE ARE INFLUNCED BY OUR PARENTS those closest to us Rebekah's favorite son but then Jacob was deceived himself by Laban Genesis 29:10-35 he had to wait not 7 but years for Rachael 2 The deceived are deceived but he had a God encounter Gensis 32:24-32 & eventually restored to Esau 33;3,4, 9-11 3 But there was a cost, permanent dislocated thigh , a reminder of his sin Matthew 18:8 hand/foot/eye Jacob had a name change to Israel, along with it there was a character change

1 Kings 22 400 to 1 outnumbered there all saying the same thing What the King wanted but not Josaphat he declares Yahwah is Judge enquire of the Lord he insisted Prophet Maciah was called declaring Who is like God speak evil & not good See Micah wouldn't go along with the King & 400 prophets saying go ahead into battle at Ramoth-Gilead Outcome they lost & prophets died 1 King was more interested in glory & not saving the Nation Prophets interested in themselves SELF DECEPTION 2 One man was prepared to tell the truth, to expose lies the majority is rarely right 3 Lying not against man but God himself Battle is always won on mountains not in the valley

Acts 8;3-8 Ananias & Sapphira Peter exposes their deception as not against man but God 1 Satan filled hearts with lie v3 We give him legal right 2 They were asked the question? Wife lied as well consequences were individual not as couple v8 3 v4 Fear of Lord came upon ALL v4 We say NT is under grace, this was judgement?

DECEPTION IN SCRIPTURE HOW CAN THIS BE? The NIV has taken out 16 verses ie Matthew 17:21; 18:11; 23:14 (these are in brackets as with other translations) while other verses are left out Matthew 16:2,3 while in Matthew 20:16 it is half there The 2011 version onwards replaces the words he to they & him to them Gender changes & that's not the only Bible doing it

The Danish Bible Society has a new version out 2020 that has taken Israel out There are subtle changes to Isaiah 14:12 Lucifer Luke 2:33 Joseph & Mary 1 John 5:7 the Trinity

OTHER THINGS IN CHRISTIANITY THAT WE ARE TO BE MINDFUL OF LEST WE BE DECEIVED Worship songs that we sing, whether they are truly from God or man or birthed by demonic Be careful what we speak about ie Father was for God alone, a Minister. Reverend or Pastor is called a servant in scripture Matt23:8-10 Have a look at the epistles & how they are addressed bond- servants Interesting thought worth thinking/pondering on WHAT YOU PRODUCE YOU REPRODUCE ie children likewise what we come under we are affected by the atmosphere whether it be good or bad

OFFENSE IS THE BREEDING GROUND OF DECEPTION (John Bevere) Satans most deceptive tactic is something we all experience it's called TAKING OFFENSE While offense isn't deadly if it's allowed to grow in our hearts it produces anger, jealousy, resentment, strife, bitterness & hatred It focuses on the so called wrong that someone has done to them There are 2 types 1 been mistreated 2 think mistreated uke 17:1 says offenses will happen The word is 'skand'a trap to which the bait is attached, it signifies laying a trap in someone's way They are often caused by unrealistic expectations Offenses cut us off from God It is only the love of God that will bring freedom from the baited trap of offence

WAY OUT OF DECEPTION

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RECOGNIZE YOUR ARE DECEIVED 1 Corinthians 13:12 not ignorant but open to correction& adjustment

2 DETERMINE TO COME CLEAN deal with saving face oride & humble yourself Saul said I have sinned but honor me before the elders & Israel He was more concerned with his image

3 SUBMIT TO SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY Peter repented even though it would have been difficult to do

4 RELIASE THAT THE GIFTS YOU HAVE ARENT A CRITERIA FOR VALIDITY BUT GUIDEDANCE submit to the scrutiny of the Word of God To see if there is error & deception have taken root

5 BE PREPARED TO BE PUNED yielding to Holy Spirit to deal with views & thoughts that aren't in alinement & get reattached to Christ

6 1 Timothy 3:13 there needs to be PURITY, BALANCE & CORRECT PRIORITIES in our life

7 WALK DAILY IN THE LIGHT go back to where went off the rails Learn from it & warn others Ephesians 5:11 have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness but reprove

TEST THE SPIRIT 1 John 1:4 1 if don't confess Jesus is Lord 2 uses worldly language 3 they don't listen to correction John 2:26 trying to deceive you, np need for anyone to tell you the truth (truth v lie)

In this day & age when many are vying for our attention, I hear a call in the Spirit of God that says You need to have discernment & understanding concerning who it is that you are hearing from Ultimately it must be God himself DISCERNMENT What it is & how to get it in found in under TEACHING on our website Personally I'd suggest also reading on WISDOM under sermons on site

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