

Religious Deceptions AND False Teachers

Satan deceives us because he hates God, and **all that God loves**. Satan causes lies to spread through the ***church***. But he **cannot force** anyone to *BELIEVE* the **lies**. God **warned** us A LOT about the Lies that would **enter** the church. God **gave** us the TRUTH in ***His Word*** so **we can SEE** the **LIES**.

Then **many false prophets** will rise up and *deceive many*.

Matthew 24:11 NKJV

For **false christs** and **false prophets** will **rise** and show great **signs and wonders** to **deceive**, if possible, even the elect. See, **I have *told you* beforehand**.

Matthew 24:24-25 NKJV

But **evil men and impostors** will grow *worse* and *worse*, deceiving and being **deceived**.

2 Timothy 3:13 NKJV

Many **churches** have become **Social Gatherings**. The **focus** of going to church **shifted away from** being **closer** to **God** to being **accepted** in certain **social groups** and **networking** for **business**.

When a church loses its focus on God, the **Truth gets distorted by the False Teachers that rise up. Why?**

Because they can. When God is no longer the center focus of a church, **Satan gets his foot in the door.**

For **certain men have crept in unnoticed**, [they have *secretly* entered the church... *educated* in the *ways* of Christianity but **NOT** believing in **Jesus** and **only** participating in the church to **deceive** and **profit** from believers.] **who** long ago were marked out for this condemnation, **ungodly men**[*people*], who **turn the grace of our God into lewdness** and deny the only Lord **God** and our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

[*Interjections in brackets*] **Jude 4 NKJV**

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are **ravenous wolves**. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore **by their fruits you will know them.**

Matthew 7:15-20 NKJV

Wolves in sheep’s clothing *do not look like bad people*. In fact, **they look and sound like *they can BE* TRUSTED.**

Do Not Trust Them!

Sometimes **they** are in the **church body**. Sometimes they **are** in the church **leadership**.

Their purpose is to inject ***lies into*** **God’s TRUTH**, lead the **church** body to do wrong, and ***they will*** also cause **division**.

that we should no longer be children,
tossed to and fro and **carried** about
 with **every wind of doctrine**, by
 the **trickery** of men, in the
cunning craftiness of **deceitful**
 plotting, [*doctrines are the teachings found
 in God's word. False teachers make up doctrine
 and twist the truth of the real doctrine.*]

[*Interjections in brackets*] **Ephesians 4:14 NKJV**

False Teachers want money & power.
 False **Teachers** make church a place of
 fun and / or **drama** to get what they want.
 The more **dramatic** the **experience**,
 the more people **want** to attend and
give money. And **giving money** can
 cause some people to *FEEL* like they
 are *DOING* SOMETHING **for God**.
 This can give them the **false** idea that
God is *OK* with *ANYTHING* they *DO*.

having a *FORM* of godliness [*religion*]
 but **denying its POWER**
 [*they reject the true Jesus*]. **And** from
 such people turn away

[*Interjections in brackets*] **2 Timothy 3:5 NKJV**

LIES! LIES! ...

Angel feathers falling, ***glory clouds, you should worship Mary*** or anyone other than God, ***you can become a god***, there is a ***new revelation*** or message from God....

!Truth: There are **NO NEW Revelations!**

... And MORE LIES!

Jesus was: a good teacher or one of many gods or one of the many prophets of God....

!Truth: These are **NOT** the **Jesus of the Bible!**

For such ***are false apostles, deceitful workers***, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For **Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light**. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also **transform themselves into ministers of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their works.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 NKJV

God has never lied. He *cannot* lie.
 And God gave us everything we
 need to ***NOT BE LIED TO!***

He gave us the TRUTH and now we
have the ability to read God's word
 for **ourselves**. There is **NO EXCUSE!**

Therefore ***take heed*** [WARNING!]
 to yourselves and to all the flock, among
 which the Holy Spirit has made you
 overseers, to shepherd the church of
**God which He purchased with His own
 blood**. For I know this, that after my
 departure ***savage wolves*** will come
in among you, not sparing the
 flock. ***Also from among yourselves***
men will rise up, speaking perverse
 things, **to draw away the disciples**
 after themselves. [*these are people in
 the church that work their way into
 positions of trust then use their influence
 to deceive the people who trust them.*]

[*Interjections in brackets*] **Acts 20:28-30 NKJV**

It is **SO** IMPORTANT to know what God's word is.

Let ***no one*** deceive you. If you have a Bible, **look up for yourself** the **verses** we are sharing with you.

Ask the **Holy Spirit** for **wisdom** and **good judgement** as you read the chapter (or book) where each verse appears, to better ***understand*** the **whole true meaning**.

But also, many people **do not** like to hear they are **sinners**. And so, they like the ***pretty*** **lies** of the **false teachers**.

For the time will come when ***they***
 [*some people who go to church and **call** themselves Christians*] **will not endure sound doctrine**, but **according** to their own **desires**, because they have ***itching ears***, they will **heap up** for themselves **teachers**;
 [*teachers who will **TEACH** them only what they want to hear.*]

[*Interjections in brackets*] **2 Timothy 4:3 NKJV**

And the LORD said to me, “**The prophets prophesy LIES in My name.** I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a **false vision, divination, a worthless thing,** and the deceit of their heart.

Jeremiah 14:14 NKJV

“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘**Let us go after other gods**’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ **you shall NOT listen** to the **words of** that **prophet** or that **dreamer of dreams**, for **the LORD your God is testing you** to know **whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 NKJV

Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is **not** of God. And this is **the spirit of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and **is now already in the world.**

1 John 4:1-3 NKJV

A Word of Caution:

"Every spirit that *confesses* that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God"

The word ***confesses*** used in this sense **means action *also, not just a verbal* confession.**

People can lie with their mouths and say that they believe in Jesus, but their actions will prove if they are lying.

If they are ***LYING***, they are ***NOT of God.***

There are many lying spirits.

Satan was just the first.

So, **this is the important part:** if someone says, **"Jesus is Lord"** with their mouth, **do not just *simply* believe that *EVERYTHING ELSE* they say is the truth *OR of God.***

But even **if we**, or an angel from heaven, ***preach any other gospel*** to you than what we have preached to you, ***let him be accursed***. As we have said before, **so now I say again**, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. ***Galatians 1:8-9 NKJV***

If **someone** or *some being* tells you **they** are **God** or that they have a **message** from **God** — **be very, very cautious!** In fact, **err on the side of GREAT caution!**

We know that **God CAN** speak directly to anyone He chooses.

However, we also know that this is **typically NOT how God speaks to us**. Do not think you are so special that He would *give you a new revelation*. ***That IS a lying spirit.***

Strong Suggestion: If you have any **idols** or tools of worship from the **New Age** or **other religion**, **get rid of them**. You do not want them!

They attract demons.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES is ***NOT***
a **religious deception** ***BUT***
it can **be used** for **deceiving**.

Speaking in Tongues is the ability to speak a language that was never learned by the person speaking. This is a ***gift*** of the ***Holy Spirit*** that was used to share the good news of Jesus with others.

We strongly caution you if listening to anything *spoken in tongues*.

Always Remember:

Demons can use the appearance of *speaking in tongues* **to deceive you**.

God's word WILL **NEVER** CHANGE.

God and His angels WILL NEVER DENY OR TELL US DIFFERENT THAN HIS Word *ALREADY given to us in the Bible*.

Anything that Is Different Than God's Word is NOT from God.

Remember! **God said NOT TO BE deceived. DO NOT LET anyone lie to you** about what God has **ALREADY told us** in the Bible.