

Spiritual Deception: Get behind Me, Satan!

Does the Bible tell us Spiritual Deception will happen? Who is responsible for this? How can we avoid this deception? How can we get the power to say, “Get behind me, Satan!”

The Proof

The Bible tells us about this! As a matter of fact, Jesus warned us about the coming deception before it was even slated to happen (Mark 13:23).

Matthew 24:4; 24:5; 24:11; 24:24; Mark 13:5, 6, 22; Luke 21:8 & Romans 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:18; 6:9; 15:33; 2 Corinthians 11:3; Galatians 6:3, 7; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 2:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; Titus 1:10; 2 Timothy 3:13; James 1:14-16; 1:16; 1 John 1:8; 2:26; 3:7; 2 John 1:7

What does all of this tell us? Spiritual Deception is to be expected by every Christian!

The Protagonists

The story begins with Satan (John 8:44) and it ends with me and you! (Matthew 24:24; Mark 13:22). How is this possible? Let us look at the character traits of the protagonists.

Satan

The beginning of this Spiritual Deception is the father of all lies, Satan (John 8:44). His goal is to deceive us into doing his bidding away from the Father. His deceptions oppress us and keep us from being active in the Body of Christ. He is using every power God allows him to utilize to fool us. He is a cunning foe of the Christians. He knows his future so he will up his game when the time is near. The time is near and he is judging us as guilty as him.

Revelation 12:9; 13:14; 18:23; 19:20; 20:8; 20:10

Me and You

We will all get fooled for a time (Matthew 7:21-23) by the miracles these worshipper of the devil will perform but let it only be for a short time! It is during this time we make the choice to continue to be deceived or believe the truth. If we choose to be deceived 2 Timothy 3:1-9 tells us what will happen. Many in the church will become lovers of themselves and take captive women who are weighted down with sin. What’s worse is the people taking women captive are those among us in the church 2 Timothy 2:14-26.

The Privilege

We have the privilege of knowing Jesus Christ because the Father has chosen us. We should never take this privilege lightly just as we should never take the deception of the devil lightly either (Acts 20:31). “Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right.” C. H. Spurgeon

John 6:44; John 15:16; Ephesians 1:4-5; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

The Promoter

We are to promote righteousness whatever it looks like for you but it does have to look like something. Proverbs 31:9 (govern); Romans 2:1-3 (condemn); 1 Corinthians 6:1-6 (sit in Judgment); Isaiah 28:23-29; 1 John 3:7; Psalm 15:1-5; Matthew 5:6

Judge for yourself if Spiritual Deceptions exists.

Jesus is the Truth

Avoiding deception means knowing the truth. Knowing the truth brings rewards. If you are going to be rewarded for knowing the truth of Jesus Christ, do you not want others to be rewarded too?

For all the problems in the world who do you think has the biggest problems? Is it the church? We can scour the internet and find great advice about what the problem in society is although I submit to you the biggest problem on this earth today is the ineffectiveness of the church because they do not believing that Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6). What does Jesus tell us is our biggest issue and how does He reward us individually if we overcome it. Let us go to Revelation 2 & 3

Jesus is missing from the church therefore the parishioners are weak, the truth is mixed with lies, the leadership is self-serving creating a dead church with a diluted faith as a result they are always mixed up between truth and lies never believing Jesus is the Truth.

He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!

If we reflect this type of Christian what can we do? How do we combat this? What is our reward for overcoming this problem?

Jesus is Missing (Revelation 2:1-7)

We are Weak (Revelation 2:8-11)

Truth is mixed with almost truth (Revelation 2:12-17)

The Leadership Serving Parishioners Instead of Jesus (Revelation 2:18-29)

We are Dead (Revelation 3:1-6)

We have a Diluted Faith (Revelation 3:7-13)

We are Lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-21)

Jesus is all the Truth we need. He heals our brokenness and makes us whole. He chastens for sin and guides us into all righteousness. He is the only one who can restore our souls. His Words are the Truth and the only way we can avoid deception. He warned us and He expects us to heed that warning. When we do we will be eternally rewarded with all of these things being able to be with Him in the New Jerusalem forever.