



World Victory Church

"A Time of Great Deception"

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- I. ***II Timothy 4:1-4***
 - A. Who is "They"?
 1. People who do not want correction, reproof, and accountability
 2. People who are being moved by the Deceiver
 - B. Turned to Fables
 1. Fiction or Tales
 2. It's absolutely amazing that people do not receive the truth so easily today; it reveals that Satan is masterfully at work to keep the one thing that is able to free anyone shackled and hidden away - Truth
 - C. ***II Thessalonians 2:1-4***
 1. Falling Away will come before Jesus returns; we are seeing the maturity of this stage. (Falling Away – Defection from Truth; Forsaking Truth)
 2. Do you find it interesting that the context reveals the Anti-Christ sitting in the temple and masking himself as God.....and people accepting it? (explain later)
- II. Understanding Your Enemy
 - A. His Number 1 Weapon has always been DECEPTION
 1. ***Genesis 3:1*** "Now the serpent was more subtle (cunning, crafty)"
 2. ***Revelation 12:9*** "And the great dragon was cast out, that OLD serpent, called the devil, and satan which deceives the whole world."
 3. Satan has always been an expert in the area of perception (making one thing look true when in reality it is false)
 - Adam & Eve and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - Jesus and Satan's Temptations
 - B. The one thing Satan is trying to obtain: POWER
 1. He deceived Adam & Even in order to become the god of this world
 2. He attempted to take it from Jesus by murdering him through religious authority
 3. Who has the power now? Doesn't it make spiritual & logical sense that if Satan cannot take it, then he will suppress it?
- III. Deception Within
 - A. Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Christians Science, Scientology, Buddhism
 1. All devised by Satan to take power and easily be in control. These are examples of false doctrines and cults that pervert or completely deny the simple truth of the scripture.
 2. There is no need to discuss these in detail as we must look at some of the more subtle deceptions of today
 - B. Those carrying the name

1. **Matthews 24:22-24** – notice false Christs (explanation of those standing in the church as servants of the anti-christ preaching a false gospel)
 - Counterfeit gospel – no repentance, no accountability = NO POWER
 - Counterfeit Jesus – this is what most people have accepted today
 2. **II Corinthians 11:13-15** – notice it clearly says *“false apostles transforming into the apostles of Christ.”*
 - Apostle – Messenger or Sent One (Just because someone has a good message, doesn’t mean it is the truth; just because they have a big church, doesn’t mean it was ordained of God; just because someone has a vision of heaven, doesn’t mean it is true; just because everything “looks” right, doesn’t mean it is right)
 - Remember, Satan has learned, the only way to keep the real church to live without power is to keep them from knowing the REAL JESUS; so he has raised up a generation of churches that carry the same name, an imitation, a counterfeit!
 3. **Mark 13:5-6**
 4. **Matthew 7:21-23**
- C. The argument of truth
1. One would ask, “Isn’t someone who preaches Jesus doing a good thing?” Answer: No; ministers who choose to avoid subjects that bring reproof, correction, and possibly offensive messages that bear truth are not doing any good for the kingdom of God. They are blind leaders leading the blind and both will fall into the ditch.
 2. One would ask, “What gives anyone the right to judge?” Answer: You judge the fruits, therefore revealing the deception within. This message is brought forth by the Holy Spirit in order to judge the spirit of the anti-christ that is already at work within the church. **(I Jn 2:18)**
 3. Have your eyes been opened to the truth?