



# “Twisted Truth”

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## I. **Revelation 12:7-11**

### A. The Deceiver

1. Satan's greatest weapon has always been deception...
  - \* He is a master of disguise...master magician.
  - \* His expertise is making things appear different/opposite of the way things actually are.
  - \* The Dragon, That Old Serpent, Devil, Satan...WHO DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORLD (Christians included).
2. Satan Deceives through lies...
  - Satan's goal is simple: Present something to you that you will accept so he can keep you from the truth (the only thing that sets you free).
  - He is the father of lies (**John 8:44**)
  - He can deceive even the elect (**Mark 13:22**)
  - He can change his appearance and the appearance of his followers (**II Corinthians 11:13-15**)
  - If you don't accept an outright lie, then a twisted truth (truth mixed with lies) will be used (where Christians have been deceived).

### B. The first and last Adam

#### 1. **Genesis 3:1-7**

- **Subtil – Cunning and Crafty (Deceptive)**
- **Genesis 3:4** “You will not die...” (An outright lie, but followed by...).
- **Genesis 3:5** “God doth know...” (A twisted truth to cover up the lie).
- **Genesis 3:6** – The process (3 things) **Enticement, Sin, Death...James 1:14-15** / 3 things that Satan uses to entice you to a twisted truth: **Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eyes, Pride of Life** (**I John 2:16**).

#### 2. **Luke 4:1-13**

- Satan used the same deception on the last Adam (Jesus) that he used on the first (We should not be ignorant of his devices...he has no new tricks!)
- The only way to overcome Satan's lies is by speaking the truth (The Word of God...It is written!)
- How do we overcome Satan? Blood of the Lamb and Word of your Testimony

## II. Whispers in Your Head (Things Satan makes you believe)

### A. **I'm Not Worthy**

1. One of Satan's best tricks in the church today...
2. Unveiling the truth with this statement: It is a twisted truth and when you realize it, you can shove it back in Satan's face (you are not worthy in

yourself; but Christ made you worthy by His blood and His grace and now I can say just like Paul, "I am what I am by the Grace of God..." **1 Corinthians 15:10**...and "I refuse to frustrate the grace of God by allowing Satan to trick me into believing that my present and my future is determined by my past; Old things are passed away and all things are become new....Get behind me Satan!"

B. **God is Testing Me**

1. One of Satan's biggest lies that people accept today...
2. There is no truth and no common sense in this. **James 1:13** says, "*Let no man say when he is tempted that he is tempted of God.*" Common Sense: How can a person tell the difference between God's tests and Satan's trials? / How can you trust someone who brings evil in your life? When you know the truth....

C. **The Deception of Offence**

1. When you are offended, you will see exactly what the devil wants you to see...why? Because you are seeing through your emotions and hurt feelings rather than the truth. (Text messages..."I wonder what they meant by that...")
2. Jesus said in **Matthew 11:6** "*Blessed is he who is not offended in me.*"
  - I know more people who are offended at God instead of trusting Him!
  - If you are in Christ, you cannot walk in offence; be like Paul and have a conscience void of offence toward God and man!
3. **Hebrews 12:15** "*Look diligently lest any root of bitterness spring up...*"