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Deceive beguile & Craftiness Pt 3 satan is the source

This is our third study on the words deceive, beguile and craftiness in the scriptures. In our previous study we established that- (1) False prophets prophesy false visions deceits of their own hearts (2) Those that speak mischievous things imagine deceits, and (3) those that change the truth into a lie are filled with all deceit. In this teaching we establish that (1) strong drink and wine deceive, (2) sin deceives each one of us, and (3) ultimately satan is the source of all deception in the world.

Our three points established from the scriptures -

1. Strong drink and wine deceive

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov.20: 1).

2. Sin deceives each one of us

"For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me" (Rom 7:11).

3. Ultimately satan is the source of deception in the world

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev.12: 9).

Illustration

When a minister of God in any church denomination teaches his view point to his congregation that satan, the devil, that old serpent is only a myth then that minister should NOT occupy the pulpit. His church should remove him from office, because he GIVES SATAN an ADVANTAGE in the battle - 2 Cor.2:11. And the ultimate deception for Satan that gives him the biggest advantage is- he is a myth. Such a belief deceives God's children as Israel's false prophets were beguiled and caused them to sin- "Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies... " (Jer.23:32).

Question to think about.

What is the greatest example in the scriptures of the teacher pointing directly to the source of a deceiver's deception?

Answer from the scriptures

Jesus' rebuke of the Pharisees - whom he said their father was the devil -

"But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (Jn.8: 40-44).

Regardless of the sin, let us remember that all deception and lies stem from the devil, who walks about seeking whom he may devour. So be sober, be vigilant!