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The Great Deception

1 Corinthians 14:40 “Let all things be done decently and in order.”

Matthew 24:3-5,11, 24 “As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. ‘Tell us,’ they said, ‘when will this happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?’ Jesus answered: ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many...and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. For false messiahs and false prophets will

appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

Three Truths To Help Us Avoid Deception

1. God wants to SPEAK to me.

John 10:3-4, 11, 27 “Jesus said, “The sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. He calls his own sheep, using their names, and he leads them out. He brings all of his sheep out. Then he goes ahead of them and

leads them. The sheep follow him, because they know his voice. I am the good shepherd. My sheep listen to My voice.”

Hebrews 1:1-2 “In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe.”

1 Timothy 2:5 “There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile

God and humanity - the man Christ Jesus.”

We must overcome the voice of our experiences to experience the voice of our God.

Ephesians 4:11-12 “Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”

2. The Devil wants to DECEIVE me.

John 8:44 “The devil has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Five Signs that a Prophet is Out of Order:

- He pastors a church.

1 Corinthians 14:29 “Two or three prophets should speak. The others should judge what they say.”

- He exalts himself.

Revelation 19:10 “Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.”

- He charges money for ministry.

Matthew 10:8 “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

- He lives an unbiblical lifestyle.

Matthew 7:15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them.”

- His ministry doesn't match God's Word.

Galatians 1:8 “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.”

**3. I must LEARN to DISCERN to
avoid deception.**

2 Corinthians 2:11 "...lest Satan should take advantage of us. For we are not ignorant of his devices."

Galatians 3:2, 5 "Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you

believe the message you heard about Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:1-2: “We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don’t maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don’t twist God’s Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.”

2 Timothy 3:13-17 “Evildoers and impostors will go from bad to

worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 2:5

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