



## The Great Deception

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Timothy 2:9-12)

There is coming a time when people will have to decide if they believe God's truth or man's. Even that containing a partial truth has fatal poison within. It is a slippery slide which requires no sacrifice of self or repentance. It is the sacrifice that is holy unto the Lord. Not the altar. These might be the most loathed by our Lord. If there is not an absolute truth established, then desires and lusts will rein. The prophet Daniel spoke of these times with in "changing times and laws." (Daniel 7:25)

If the rest of the world is anything like America, I can see self-deception coming rapidly. It is reported that only a staggering 17% of Americans believe all the following to be true: the bible is God's inspired and inerrant truth, the humanity and divinity of Jesus and His sinless life, the reality of the Holy Spirit and satan, and that a person cannot earn their way to heaven. We are blown away by such a number.

One just has to look around at all the lawlessness, evil and self-gratification going on. If these things are openly displayed, then what is being done in secret? The hidden things always outweigh the revealed.

Deception begins with a desire to be deceived. If not desire, then at least willingness. Willingness to accept compromise opens the door to deception. We are all born with a fallen nature. It is called original sin and the mission of this life is to overcome that nature, denying self and submitting unto the oracles of God. The enemies to be battled: the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Confusion becomes prevalent when a person is willing to barter the truth. Jesus clearly stated, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) If you are not willing to accept that truth, the seed is planted. A little water and encouragement is all that is needed for it to grow. "Buy the truth and sell it not." Prov. 23:23

I could not begin to speak of the great deception without first discussing man's willingness to deceive themselves. One's fleshy preferences and gender confusion exhibit it adequately. If gender is fluid then desires rein. God's established truth of male and female no longer exist. If God made a mistake, fix it. Self desire rules in today's world and one must feed it continually. Willing deception of self begins the journey.

There are those claiming mankind is ready for their next evolution. Will it be a mixture of man and beast. Perhaps man and machine. (To be clear, transhumanism does not include machines built to assist us, just when one is altered from God's created intent. Perhaps a mixture with an alien species. How did that work out last time with the fallen angels? Another sign of Noah and the end times.)

Though there are outright deniers of God, there are also believers who seek to improve on God's creation. Just as mankind once attempted to reach the heavens in building the tower of babel, they now seek to reach Him again through their own endeavors. Every person has an instinctive draw to God; to know Him. It is called the measure of faith. It can be ignored or nourished. There is however, only one path to God and He has established that way. It is Jesus Christ!

There is much speculation these days about aliens; those not of our species. One renowned religious leader said he desires to baptize one. I have also heard it speculated maybe they have not experienced original sin and are therefore not fallen. Will they will bring us new revelation that will allow us to evolve into that next stage of being? Will they reveal hidden truths or share a new religion; a new truth? Will we experience improved bodies or secret dimensions, changing even those "times and laws"?

I for one believe they are not coming. They have always been here. Satan has since the beginning of time sought to usurp God's plan for His creation. The myriad of unexplained things in our world represent evil's attempt to corrupt us. There have been brief encounters throughout history which God, in His mercy, kept contained. Their time has now come. The hidden and controlled are about to be loosed in their fullness.

Dear elect, these are not aliens but the fallen angels and demons who by our own invitation have permeated mankind. They are the supernatural creations which have not yet received their eternal judgment. I realize there are many who will think me too imaginative. Many will accept the world's explanation over God's.

None of us truly know the deception that is coming, but we know it will engulf the whole earth. It will be the work of the anti-christ with all his "power, signs, and lying wonders". He may bring gifts, solutions, revelations and miracles. Enticement and curiosity will draw many. Others, through fear, will be willingly fall into line. Fear will drive someone to do what they otherwise would not. Just look at what the covid situation has done so far. Fear have made the masses willing give up whatever freedom they had. They turn on family and friends and support punishment for those who don't comply. This as they readily accept whatever authority tells them.

This will be a time for those who know their God to stand for His truth. The deceived will reject truth and gladly join in persecutions while feeling justified; even believing they are doing God a service. Jesus warned there would be those claiming to have done His work. What was His reply? "I never knew you". (Matt. 7:23)

The people who know their God will do great exploits as they exit from this age. Because they have lost their fear of death, there remains no more bondage to this world. Perfect love of the Father has conquered fear and death. Not man's love. God's love. One is lasting while the other is fleeting. Friendship with the world is enmity with God. (James 4:4) This world is not our home. Has it lost it's hold on you yet? It all comes down to one decision. Will you do it your way or God's way.

Accept Jesus Christ if you haven't. Get rooted and grounded in His grace and truth; in His Word and His presence. Desire them more than life itself. The word of God warns us that if possible, even the very elect would be deceived. The deception will be so great. Unless one has a personal relationship with Jesus, they will be deceived.

Only God can provide the discernment and protection that will keep one from that great deception. The cost may be great but so is the reward. He kept the Jewish people on their journey to the promised land with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. We have all been chosen for this time and place. Pray for grace that we faint not before the finish line. If we will look unto Him, He will be our guide even unto death.