

“The Dangers of Deception”

Text: Romans 16:17-18

Scripture reading: II Corinthians 11:1-15

I. Exhorting the brethren – vs. 17 (Jn. 13:34)

A) Be watchful

B) Be informed (Jude 3; Jn. 17:21)

C) Be separated

II. Exposing the deceiver – vs. 18 (II Cor. 11:13)

A) Slave to self

B) Smooth in speech

C) Seducing the simple (Matt. 24:24)

Summary:

- _____ those who cause divisions and hindrances
- _____ those who are contrary to sound doctrine
- _____ for the tactics of Satan's deceptions

“Those that care not for the Word are strangers to the Spirit, and they that care not for the Spirit never make right use of the Word.”

Richard Sibbes; Puritan and theologian; 1577-1635

SERMON QUOTES:

I. Exhorting the brethren – vs. 17

A) Be watchful

John MacArthur,

“Skopeo (keep your eye on) carries the idea of looking at or observing with intensity. It is from the noun form of that word that we get the scope of a telescope and microscope. It means more than simply looking at, but to examine and scrutinize carefully.”

C) Be separated

Robert Haldane,

“Men who, from a view of exalting themselves, endeavor to sow division in the Church, are more to be shunned than if they were infected with pestilence; and the brethren who are connected with them ought not, from the confidence in their own steadfastness, to expose themselves to their conversation on such subjects. Such persons are in the service of Satan, who will prevail to deceive the strongest of the people of God, if he obtains permission.”

John MacArthur,

“The right response of believers to false teachers, especially those who teach their heresy under the guise of Christianity, is not debate or dialogue. We are to turn away from them, to reject what they teach and to protect fellow believers, especially new converts and the immature, from being deceived, confused, and misled. ...Such people are not to be debated but denounced.”