

Spiritual Warfare, Get Ready the Battle Is Here

Part 3—Are You Being Deceived by Satan’s Disinformation?

John 8:44c—⁴⁴. . . When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (NIV)

Genesis 3:4a—⁴“You won’t die!” . . . (NLT)

1. Satan’s Disinformation System and World Context.

- Disinformation is deliberate _____ aimed at shaping beliefs against _____

2 Timothy 4:3-4—³For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will reject the truth and chase after myths. (NLT)

2 Peter 2:3—³In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed. (NLT)

Genesis 3:1b—¹“Did God really say . . .” (NLT)

- Disinformation targets audience _____ and _____ and it appeals to _____ and _____

John 8:44b—⁴⁴. . . [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. (NLT)

John 18:37b-38a—³⁷. . . Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

³⁸“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. . . (NIV)

John 14:6a—⁶Jesus replied, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. . .” (NET)

John 8:23—²³But [Jesus] continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. (NET)

2. Jesus Is God and the Savior of the World.

John 8:48-58 (Sel.)—⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” ⁴⁹“I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. . . ⁵¹Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my

word will never see death.” ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?” . . . ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷“You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” ⁵⁸“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” (NET)

Exodus 3:14—¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM [ego eimi, LXX] has sent me to you.’” (NASB1995)

John 8:24—²⁴Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” (NASB1995)

2 Corinthians 4:4—⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. (NLT)

- Belief that Jesus is God is essential for _____ and any denial is _____

2 Corinthians 11:3-4—³But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. ⁴You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed. (NLT)

3. Know God’s Word and Share the Gospel.

Daniel 11:32b—³². . . the people who know their God will display strength and take action. (NASB1995)

John 8:31-32—³¹So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” (NASB1995)

Romans 12:1-2—¹⁻²So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you

can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. (MSG)

- Set your focus on _____ over _____ evidence
 - You must _____ God and His Word, _____ your mind, and _____ to truth
 - Through prayer, _____ God's Word as sure, a _____ in dark places, and _____ in Jesus' name

Mark 4:3-20 (Sel.)—³“Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.
⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” . . . ¹⁴The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.” (NIV)

2 Timothy 2:15—¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (NKJV)

Action Steps . . .

- Don't be deceived
- Study God's Word
- Share God's Word