

## Deceiving Appearances

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### Disorientation

- Didn't know up from down
- Didn't know right from wrong
- Bound with fear
- Illogical
- Use of Deception to bind people
- Isaiah 5:20–21 (NLT) — 20 What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter. 21 What sorrow for those who are wise in their own eyes and think themselves so clever.
- Isaiah 5:24 (NLT) — 24 Therefore, just as fire licks up stubble and dry grass shrivels in the flame, so their roots will rot and their flowers wither. For they have rejected the law of the Lord of Heaven's Armies; they have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

### Deceived

- Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) — 9 "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12
  - Don't be fooled by what they say
  - A great rebellion against God
  - Man of lawlessness will be revealed
  - Lawlessness is already at work
  - Come to do the work of Satan
  - Counterfeit power and signs and miracles
  - Use every kind of evil deception
  - Fooling those on their way to destruction
  - They refuse the truth
  - Condemned for enjoying evil rather than believe the truth

- Psalm 73
  - I almost lost my footing
  - Envied the proud – prosper despite wickedness
  - People are dismayed and confused – drinking in all their words
  - Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? – all I have is trouble
  - If I would have spoken this, I would have been a traitor to your people (siding up with deception)
  - I went into your sanctuary (God's presence, where God speaks) then I finally understood
  - In an instant they are destroyed
  - I was foolish and ignorant – yet you hold my hand and guide me with your counsel leading me to my glorious destiny
  - I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.

### Illogical

- Pay no attention to the logic of gravity giving you the truth of up and down
- Saying that evil is good and good is evil – illogical – you must deny logic to embrace their ideology
- The cultural ideology that has flipped everything deceiving people to not know up from down, right from wrong, good from evil
- Causing people to come to illogical conclusions convinced that they are right
- Causing some to be bound by fear of not knowing what is right – what is good and what is evil
- Isaiah 55:8–11— 8 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ... 11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.