

**Breaking through the Deception Agenda
Our Stolen Reality
Genesis 3:1-10**

God has created you to ...

- *Hear His Voice...*
- *Know the Truth...*
- *And Live in Freedom...*

But the reality for most people today is...

- *We don't hear His voice...*
- *We don't know what is really true...*
- *We live in perpetual bondage...*

What is deception?

Deception: "The act of causing someone to accept as TRUE or VALID what is FALSE or INVALID."

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THE DECEPTION	THE REALITY

→ **Pic 2 - Foolish Wisdom**

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→ **Pic 3 - Wisdom of God**

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→ **Pic 4 - Self-reliance**

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FAULTY SELF-RELIANCE	

→ **Pic 5 – Dependance upon God**

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→ **Pic 6 – False Religion**

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→ **Pic 8 – Fleshly Cravings**

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→ **Pic 9 – Abundance from God**

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I wanted to begin this series by going back to the beginning of ALL deception... Genesis 3...

Revelation 12:9 (ESV) — And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world...

Look what the Apostle John, through the revelation of the Holy Spirit tells us ...

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ONE THING

Since the Garden of Eden there has been an AGENDA to deceive HUMANITY from our God given REALITY!

QUESTION #2

SO WHAT? - Why does it matter?

SCRIPTURAL ANSWERS

GOD: Let God's word answer our issues

BACKGROUND:

What has been stolen from us?

1. The WORD of God

Genesis 3:1–4 (ESV) — Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

First, the Serpent QUESTIONS the Word of God...

“... Did God actually say...”

Second, the Serpent DENIES the Word of God...

“... You will not surely die...”

→ ILLUSTRATION – Journal Reading this morning

- ***One Year Bible reading this morning...***
- ***Josiah had become the king and he wanted to wholeheartedly follow the Lord***
- ***He was 16 years old!***
- ***He wanted to repair the Temple...***
- ***As they were working they found the Word of God...***
- ***It had been hidden from the people...***

- ***The Word was brought to Josiah...***

“While they were bringing out the money collected at the Lord's Temple, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord that was written by Moses. Hilkiah said to Shaphan the court secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the Lord's Temple!” Then Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan. Shaphan took the scroll to the king and reported, “Your officials are doing everything they were assigned to do. The money that was collected at the Temple of the Lord has been turned over to the supervisors and workmen.” Shaphan also told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll.” So Shaphan read it to the king. When the king heard what was written in the Law, he tore his clothes in despair.”
2 Chronicles 34:14-19 NLT

Removing the Word of God and its requirements from the people is an effective every tactic to lead God's people into idolatry!

If the Serpent were to come to you today and ask, “Did God really say?” ... would you be able to respond?

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) — For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Amos 8:11 (ESV) — “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.”

Since the Garden of Eden there has been an agenda to deceive humanity from our God given reality!

What has been stolen from us?

1. The WORD of God

2. The WISDOM of God

Genesis 3:5–7 (ESV) — For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Proverbs 9:10 (ESV) — The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

1 Corinthians 1:20–21 (ESV) — Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

Jesus tells us, however, that we can know the truth!

John 8:32 (ESV) — And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Because the world doesn’t know the Lord it purports a faulty, ignorant wisdom...

Ephesians 4:17–18 (NLT) — With the Lord’s authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

Jesus prayed for us on the night of His betrayal...

John 17:17 (ESV) — Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

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2. The WISDOM of God

3. Our WALK with God

Genesis 3:8–10 (ESV) — And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of

the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Because of the FALL, every human lives with TWO CONFLICTING REALITIES...

First, because we were created in the image of God we have stamped upon us the reality of the existence of God...

Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NLT) — Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart ...

Second, longing to be our own god leads us to place ourselves above all...

Faced with these opposing forces, we hide ourselves from the LIVING GOD and instead either DENY HIS EXISTANCE or default to MAN MADE RELIGION...

But, YOU CAN WALK WITH GOD!

John 17:3 (ESV) — And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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Series Truth:

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_____ from our God given _____!**

1. The _____ of God

2. The _____ of God

3. Our _____ with God