

**Breaking through the Deception Agenda
Fulfilling Your Longings God's Way
1 John 2:15-17**

Several weeks ago we began this series titled, "Breaking through the Deception Agenda"

We began the series declaring this truth...

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

Most people are tired of all the conflicts & deception we are living in today...

- Tired of the propaganda based news that is nothing more than marketing for political agendas...
- Tired of the COVID anxiety ...
- Tired of the Social Media "EXPERTS" with their continual opinions and shameless meaninglessness...

We DON'T KNOW WHO TO BELIEVE ANYMORE...

We DON'T KNOW WHO TO TRUST...

I am continuing our series...

I've titled it, "Breaking through the Deception Agenda"

NOTICE – It's NOT "Breaking through a DECEPTIVE Agenda..."

The agenda I'll be referring to is not anything new...

It's not based upon our current crisis of deceptive agendas...

Rather, it has been around since the dawn of time...

Deception has existed almost as long as man has been on earth...

What is deception?

Deception: "The act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid."

Today we are going to be focusing on false religions...

I've titled the message, "Resisting the Lure of False Religion."

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ONE THING

Fleshly indulgence DECEIVES us into fulfilling LEGITIMATE longings in ILLEGITIMATE ways

1 John 2:15–17 (ESV) — 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1. Our DECEPTION of Fleshly Indulgence

1 John 2:15a (ESV) — Do not love the world or the things in the world.

“Do not love the world” literally means, “Stop loving the world.”

What is the “world” being referred to here?

The Physical Earth

Humanity

John 3:16a (ESV) — For God so loved the world ...

The Evil world system

1 John 5:19 (ESV) — ... the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV) — ... the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers ...

The god of this world deceives us to fulfill our longings ourselves...

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Having our needs met...

When all our needs are met then we become satisfied

→ NEVER go to the grocery store on an empty stomach!

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2. Our DANGER with Fleshly Indulgence

1 John 2:15 (ESV) — Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

This does not mean you lose your salvation...

Nor does it mean that the Father no longer loves you...

It means that your love for the Father is replaced!

Again, I want to show you something out of Genesis 3

Genesis 3:6 (ESV) — 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.

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Matthew 6:24 (ESV) — No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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1. Our DECEPTION of Fleshly Indulgence

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3. Our DESIRES for Fleshly Indulgence

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Romans 13:14 (ESV) — But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Proverbs 17:24 (ESV) — The discerning sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.

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Finally, this last one has to do with our need to matter...

Our need to make a name for ourselves...

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4. Our DELIVERANCE from Fleshly Indulgence

1 John 2:17 (ESV) — And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

These things supplied by the world DON'T LAST!!!

Matthew 6:19–21 (ESV) — Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

How do we store up those things that matter most to us and matter most to God?

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) — I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Psalm 16:11 (ESV) — You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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Philippians 4:19 (ESV) — And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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Philippians 4:13 (ESV) — I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 2:12–13 (ESV) — Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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1 Peter 4:2 (ESV) — So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

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2 Corinthians 11:3-4**

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longings in _____ ways

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2. Our _____ with Fleshly Indulgence

3. Our _____ for Fleshly Indulgence

4. Our _____ from Fleshly Indulgence

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