

Defeating Spiritual Enemies Session 6 – Defeating Deception

I. Review/Intro

A. Previous Sessions in this Warfare Series

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B. When in warfare it is important that you know your enemy

1. Satan is a thief, liar, destroyer
2. **John 10:10 (KJV)** – *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*
3. The more you understand your enemy and how he works, the better your chances of achieving victory and defeating him.
4. One of the chief characteristics of the enemy is DECEPTION

II. Satan the Deceiver

A. Scriptures on Satan being a deceiver

1. **Revelation 12:7-9 (KJV)** – *⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

Satan is known for his world-wide deception

2. **Revelation 20:1-3 (KJV)** – ¹*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season*

In this passage the work of Satan is summed up as deceiving the nations of the world

3. **Revelation 20:7-10 (KJV)** – ⁷*And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸And shall go out **to deceive** the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. ⁹And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. ¹⁰**And the devil that deceived them** was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever*

Satan's nature to deceive is so powerful that even after being bound in a pit for 1000 years, once loosed he immediately begins to deceive the nations once again.

4. **1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)** – *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*
- a. Satan's primary way of devouring is deception
 - b. When Satan shows up – He shows up to DECEIVE

5. **Deception Definition** – to cause to believe that which is not true!
When Satan comes to devour He will look for those whom he can deceive – convince of things that are not true!
6. Who can be devoured? *It is clear that he is looking for those who may be devoured – so everyone doesn't qualify.*

B. Examples of those who were devoured by Satan

1. Eve
1 Timothy 2:14 (KJV) – *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*
 - a. The Devil did not have a conversation with Adam
 - b. The Devil deceive Eve through his conversation/words
2. Judas
John 13:2 (KJV) – *And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;*
 - a. Satan put the thought of betrayal in his heart
 - b. Judas certainly didn't think that he would kill himself before the night was over
 - c. Judas must have thought there was some advantage of betraying Jesus
 - d. Judas didn't see clearly – Satan deceived him
3. Ananias and Saphira.
Acts 5:3-4 (KJV) – ³*But Peter said, Ananias, why **hath Satan filled thine heart to lie** to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ⁴Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? **why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart?** thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God*
 - a. Peter declares that Satan put this idea in the heart of Ananias
 - b. Why hast thou CONCEIVE this thing in thine heart.

- i. Satan came with the idea – thought
 - ii. Ananias CONCEIVE it in his heart.
 - iii. Ananias didn't guard this mind/ but allowed thoughts from the enemy to be conceived.
4. All of these FAILED when dealing with the wiles and fiery darts of the enemy.
 5. None of these had their armor on – they failed to retain the knowledge of God/His Word and allowed the enemy to freely move in their thought life.
 6. All of these were DEVoured – through the deception of Satan
 7. The Wiles/ Fiery darts
 - a. Thoughts
 - b. Ideas
 - c. Suggestions

III. Satan the Master Deceiver

- A. Why is Satan so connected to deception
Why does he use deception as his #1 tool?
- B. Satan himself was devoured by Deception
 1. Why is He the devil? God didn't create him as a devil
 2. Satan was deceived in his own mind.
- C. **Isaiah 14:12-14 (KJV)** – *¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! **how** art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High*
 1. How did you fall?
 2. Vs 13 – For thou has said in thine heart

3. Satan was taken captive by a thought that was not in agreement with God
4. Satan was deceived by his own thoughts
5. Satan discovered the power of deceptive thoughts through his own fall!
6. Satan LOST his position through failure to guard his Mind
He knows you can lose your position/through failure to guard your mind.
7. Satan lost his battle of the mind – He knows you can lose your battle with an unbridled/out of control thought life.

D. Who can be devoured by Deception? Those who do not keep the armor of God on/ Guarding their minds from deceptive thoughts, ideas and suggestions from Satan

E. How do you defeat deception – Know the Truth

John 8:32 (KJV) – *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

- a. Know the truth
- b. Meditate on the truth
- c. The armor – is to know the Word of God