



"Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." (Matt. 24:4-5)

Satan, the Great Deceiver

Introduction

- Rev. 12:9 – “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world...”
 - 1 Peter 5:8 – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”
 - What is deception?
 - It is a lie about the true reality of something
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What are Satan's deceptions?

1. That God does not really love us, is not with us, or is not what He says He is.
2. He does not exist and/or is harmless



What are Satan's deceptions?

3. Out of something evil comes something good

- Eve; Rebekah/Jacob

4. God doesn't mean what He says

- Gen. 3:1 – “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden.’”
- Jn. 6:60 – “Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can understand it?’”



What are Satan's deceptions?

5. There is always tomorrow
- Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins
 - Luke 12:45-46 - But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.



What are Satan's deceptions?

6. God is going to do whatever He wants...so why bother?
 - Jon. 4:2 - "Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm."
7. Out there is better than in here
 - Prodigal Son



How to expose the deceit of Satan?

- Scripture
- Jn. 3:19-21 – “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”



Conclusion

- The Dog and his Reflection

