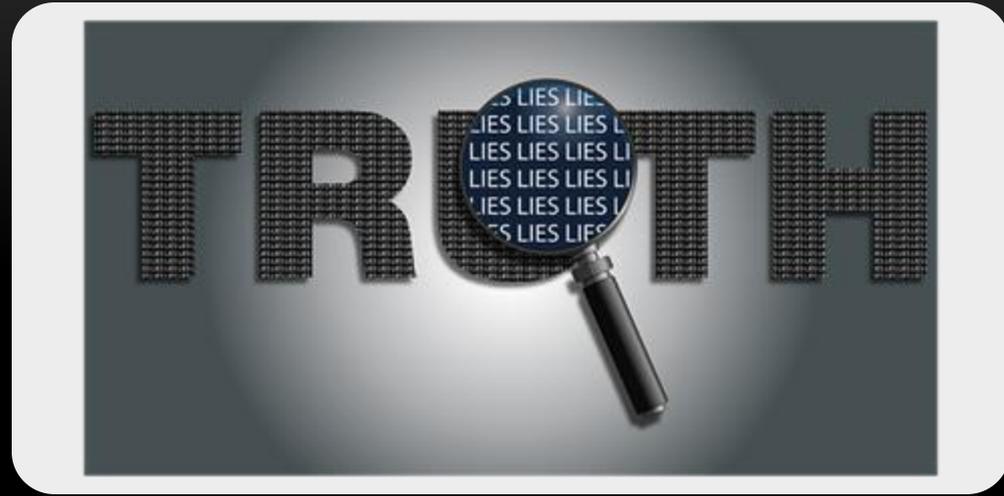


**“Take heed
that no one
deceives
you”**

Mark 13:5



Heeding the
greatest
deceiver of
man:
His own heart



FOLLOW YOUR HEART*

*The heart is **deceitful** above all things,
and **desperately wicked**: who can know it?
Jeremiah 17:9

Self deceived...(1)

- “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

Jeremiah 17:9

- “For this they willfully forget...” *2 Peter 3:5*



Self Deceit

There's No Deception Like Self-Deception

~ 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 ~

Self deceived...(2)

- “And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind”

Romans 1:28

- “These things they thought, and they were mistaken, for their own malice blinded them” *Wisdom 2:21*



The deceit of living false realities



Nothing is easier than self-deceit. For what each man wishes, that he also believes to be true.

(Demosthenes)

False Realities...⁽¹⁾

1. Between abilities, callings, and limitations and the individual's pursuits
2. Between the human weakness and the expectation of perfection



False Realities...(2)

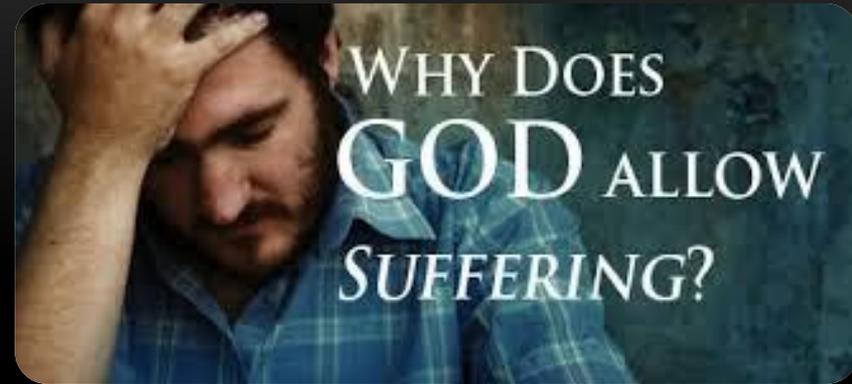
3. Between the reality about God, His will, the designed way of salvation and the individual's own beliefs:
 - The distorted images about God



False Realities...(2)

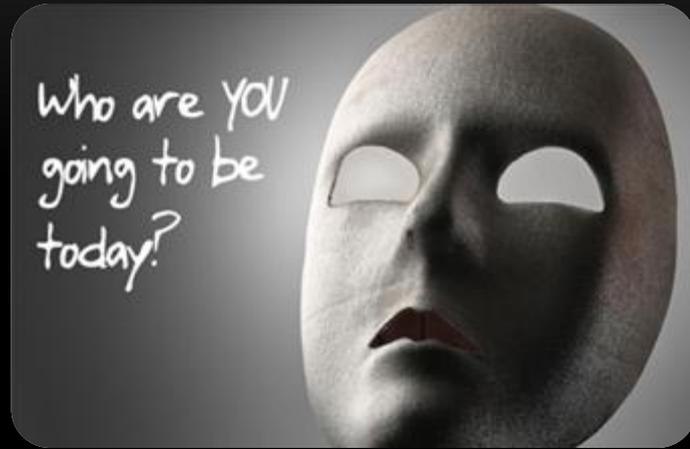
3. Cont.:

- God's love and human suffering
- Meanings of God's promises and warnings
- Religion and Salvation



False Realities... (3)

4. Between Doctrines believed and day to day life's choices:
“Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous” *1 John 3:7*



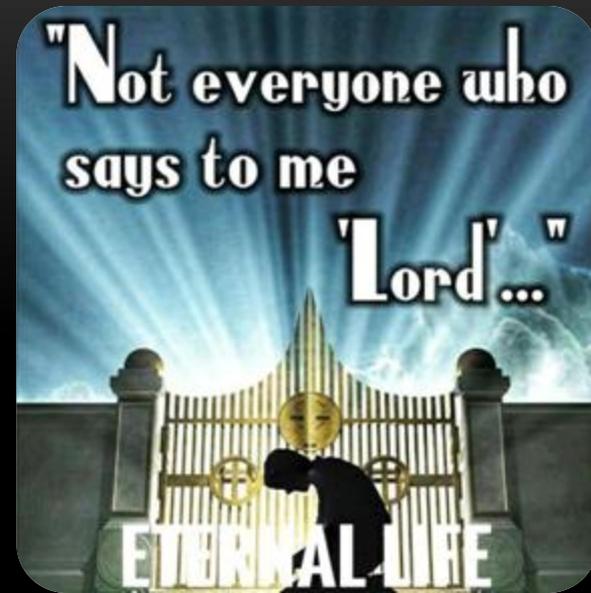
False Realities... (4)

5. Between real joy and what I think will make me happy
6. Between reality about marriage and family life and the imaginary picture about them



False Realities... (5)

7. Between an assumption about spiritual wellbeing and a reality of being far from God:
“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’
And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you’” *Matthew 7:22-23*



False Realities...⁽⁶⁾

8. Between an actual cause and a possible solution for a problem and my own reasoning for the same problem, e.g., King Saul and his pursuit of David



False Realities...(7)

8. Between sowing a seed and expecting a different harvest
9. Between God's words and the world's standards:



False Realities...(8)

- “Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God” *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*

