

Be Careful!

Reference Paul's Warnings study.

My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6)

Amos 8:11-12 Famine of hearing the words of the LORD, that is they don't understand it

I want you to be able to discern truth from error, and that which is of God and that which is of Satan. (1 John 4:1)

You need to be sound in doctrine

1st application of Scripture is doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16)

Take heed unto the doctrine (1 Timothy 4:16)

Men and Young Men ought to have sound doctrine (Titus 2:1-8)

The Last Days – The Church of the Laodicians

In the last days a departure from the faith and doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1-6)

Last days perilous times (2 Timothy 3:1-9)

People will forsake the truth and get for themselves preachers and teachers that tell them what they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

If they speak not according to the Bible (Isaiah 8:19-20) See also 1 Peter 4:11

If you pervert the words of the living God and do not repent he will forsake you (Jeremiah 23:33-36)

Things you need to know about false prophets:

There are many of them (1 John 4:1)

Many follow them (2 Peter 2:2)

Beware of false prophets that look like Christians (Matthew 7:15) and declare that Jesus is the Christ (Luke 21:8, Matthew 24:5)

They speak in the name of the LORD (Jeremiah 14:14, Ezekiel 13:6)

But out of their own heart (Jeremiah 23:16)

They seduce the people by saying peace when there is no peace (Ezekiel 13:10)

They are liars (Ezekiel 13:19, 22-23)

Lamentations 2:14 They don't deal with your sin to turn your captivity away

They believe Jesus is the Christ (Luke 21:8) and look like Christians (Matthew 7:15)

False prophets teach false doctrine (2 Peter 2:1) speak evil of the truth and MANY follow their ways (2 Peter 2:2)

They make merchandise of you through your own lusts (2 Peter 2:3)

They speak great words of vanity and allure through the lusts of the flesh (2 Peter 2:18)

They promise liberty, but bring you into bondage (2 Peter 2:19)

Preached peace always (Jeremiah 6:13-14) even to those that despise the Lord (Jeremiah 23:17)

They steal the word of God from you (Jeremiah 23:30)

God's prophets:

True prophets turn people from their sin (Jeremiah 23:21-22) and they mainly preach that the people need to turn from their sin (Jeremiah 25:4-5) and they spoke out against things (Jeremiah 28:7-9)

The Fingerprints of the devil:

2 Corinthians 2:11 Not ignorant of his devices
Revelation 2:24 Not knowing the depths of Satan

General things about the devil:

He wants to be like God, he is religious, he is a musical being, he desires worship, power, and authority, and he is full of pride. The devil is the great counterfeiter of God.

Genesis 3:1- 5

The very first words spoken by the devil reveal a great deal to the saint about what his tactics are: Yea, hath God said... In Genesis 2, God *clearly* and *plainly* told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in that day that he ate of it, he would *surely* die (Ge 2:16-17). Could God have been plainer with Adam? Did he not literally explain to him what God expected of him? God gave Adam the commandment not to eat of that tree: if he ate of it, he would die. God guaranteed that he would die.

So Satan comes along and asks a question, “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

1. Questioning the word of the LORD – the serpent first gets you to question the word of the LORD. By doing so, the devil is able to plant a seed of doubt in your mind about what God had really said. The devil is subtle, and he tried to trick Eve by first getting her to question. LISTEN-there is no reason for us to question God’s word ever! God can be trusted, the devil cannot be. As Jesus said, he was a murderer and a liar from the beginning.
2. Lies about the word of the LORD – We see in the fourth verse that the devil flat out lies. He told Eve that she would not surely die. At some point the devil will flat out contradict the word of the LORD, but he will try to hide that by mixing it with some truth. The Scripture affirms that some of what the devil said would happen, happened. Their eyes were opened and they did become as gods knowing good and evil. BUT they did surely die.

1 Chronicles 21:1

Satan got David to question and wonder about whether the LORD was multiplying the seed of Israel as the stars of heaven. This thing displeased the LORD.

Job 1:6-12

Satan questions God’s judgment

Job 2:1-6

Satan continues to question God’s word after seeing God’s word remaining true

Zechariah 3:1-5

Satan argues and resists the angel of the LORD here because Joshua was about to have his filthy garments removed and receive forgiveness of sins and get a new garment!

Matthew 4:1-11

The devil tempts with the lust of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life (see also 1 John 2:15-17). Notice, Satan will quote scripture in trying to mess you up. The problem is the devil doesn't rightly divide the Scripture, which shows he doesn't have understanding of the Scripture.

Matthew 16:21-23

The devil contests the will of God and gets you to argue against the will of God for your life. The devil delights in the things of men, not the things of God.

Mark 4:14-15

The devil steals the seed of the word of God that was planted in the heart.

Acts 5:3

Satan can put thoughts into your heart even if you are saved.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

Satan can appear as an angel of light, in other words a good thing. He also has MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, some of which claim to be apostles, and they give themselves that title.

1 Thessalonians 2:18

Satan can hinder you from your service to God, your service to men, and your calling of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:9

Satan has the power to perform signs, wonders, and miracles that deceives you

Revelation 2:9-13, 3:9

Satan has a synagogue of people that claim to be Jews and are not (That is professing Christianity that claims to be Jewish in order to steal the promises from the Jew and apply them to the church, i.e. the kingdom of heaven) This church dwells where Satan's seat is.

Revelation 2:24

Satan is very subtle and very wise

Revelation 12:9

Satan is a deceiver

Mark 13:39

The devil has his own followers in the world

Acts 13:7-12

The devil perverts the right ways of the LORD and is an enemy of all righteousness

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

The devil will try to get you to disbelieve the word of God and it's authority and adopt another voice and it's authority in its stead. He will try to corrupt your minds from the simplicity that is in Christ. Be careful of another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel (Galatians 1:6-9)

Judas Iscariot

John 6:70, 13:1-2, 13:21-30

Judas was possessed with a devil long before the last supper. Judas preached the word of God, performed signs, wonders, and miracles, and was in charge of the money. He appeared as one that could be trusted. The disciples had known who would betray the Lord because the devil inside of Judas wasn't obvious, but eventually it became manifest.

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