

Do We LOVE the Truth?

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

2 Chronicles 18:18-27

Romans 1:18-32



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Law of Cause and Effects (Galatians 6:7-8)

- For everything we do or do not do in God's world there are consequences.
- Many, today, do not believe there will be consequence – especially when talking about “religious” or “spiritual” obedience/disobedience.
- (Galatians 6:7-8) God tells (warns) us:
 - ① Do not be deceived. Listen to what God say and not what you or others think.
 - ② He will not be mocked. We mock God when we talk His love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace and ignore His commands. (Over 400 of them in the New Testament). We chose to live our lives according to what we want to believe rather than what God's **written** says.
 - ③ A man reaps what he sows.
 - He who sows to his own desires rather than God's commands **will** reap corruption.
 - He who sows to the Spirit (being led by and following the Spirit as He guides by the **written** Word) **will** reap the REAL life.
- Have we learned or are we believing a lie? Do we believe that there are temporal and spiritual consequences for our obedience/disobedience to God's **written** Word? Are we mocking God in our complacency believing that God's amazing grace exempts us?

When Man Believes Himself to Be GOD (Romans 1:18-22)

- In his professing to be wise (Romans 1:22), man has deceived himself in believing that he is greater, stronger, and more intelligent than the God of the universe. **Satan has convinced man that HE CAN BE GOD!** (Genesis 3:5).
- Man is IGNORANT of the God of the Bible who IS the God of the UNIVERSE.
- Man fails to see that God, not man, is SOVEREIGN over ALL THINGS.
- Deceivers are His and the deceived are His. (Job 12:16; 1 Kings 22:22-23; Ezekiel 14:9)

- Man is ignorant in that **GOD IS GOD AND MAN IS NOT – NO MATTER WHAT HE BELIEVES or THINKS!**
- God is serious about His Word. **MEDITATE ON THIS HARD!!!**

God's Plan Has an End

- The GOD of the Bible created ALL things. (Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2)
- God created ALL TIME, ALL SPACE, ALL MATTER, and ALL ENERGY.
- BEFORE God created all things He DECREED the end from the beginning. This decree is His plan, His counsel, His will. (Isaiah 46:9-11)
- God's plan for His world had a beginning and it has an end.
- God works ALL THINGS according to His DECREE. (Ephesians 1:11; Daniel 4:35; Psalm 115:3; 135:6; 33:11; Proverbs 19:21; 21:30; Isaiah 14:24-27)
- NOTHING and NO ONE can thwart God's plans for His universe. (Job 42:3; 23:13; Ecclesiastes 3:14)
- God calls forth the generations (peoples). Isaiah 41:4; 44:7; Acts 17:26.
- God created ALL powers. He created Michael the Archangel, Satan, the Archdemon, all the angels, all the demons, all leaders, etc.. God will (if has not already done so) create the Antichrist and the false prophet. (Colossians 1:16)
- God gives and takes power and authority. (John 19:10-11; Daniel 4:25, 35; Jeremiah 27:5-8; Romans 13:1)
- The heart of every king, president, governor, mayor, chancellor, politician, human is in the hand of the Lord. (Proverbs 21:1; Revelation 17:17; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 16:1; 20:24)
- The Antichrist and false prophet will get their power from God. (Rev. 13:5, 7)
- God is LORD of ALL. (Acts 2:36; 10:36; Romans 10:11-13; Colossians 1:16)
- All things EXIST moment by moment because of God. (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3)
- **MEDITATE ON THIS!**

The Deceiver of the World (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10a)

- Satan is the FATHER of LIES – John 8:44.
- He presents himself as an “angel of LIGHT.” 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- He deceived EVE!!! – Genesis 3:1-9; 2 Cor. 11:3; 2 Timothy 2:14
- The Antichrist (a man, probably a politician) will come in accordance to the **workings** of Satan. He will be EMPOWERED by Satan. (Remember who Satan gets his power from!)
- The Antichrist will DECEIVE the world! Read Revelation 13:3-9.
- Satan **is** deceiving the world today! (1 John 5:19; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; Rev 12:9)
- This will be a GREAT DECEPTION – the DECEPTION of DECEPTIONS.
 - MANY **will be** deceived! (Matthew 24:5, 11)
- The Antichrist will use miracles, signs, and false wonders. (Matt. 24:24)

- **THESE WILL BE REAL SIGNS of POWER.**

- The Antichrist will use **EVERY KIND of EVIL (unrighteous) DECEPTION.**
- This deception will be so powerful that even the **ELECT** will doubt! (Matt. 24:24)

The Many Deceived (2 Thessalonians 2:10b)

- Those who “do not LOVE the TRUTH.”
- Those who LOVE evil (their evil deeds) and HATE the light. (John 3:19-21)
 - ★ If you do not love being in the LIGHT, then you love the darkness.
 - ★ There is NO in between.
- **When people REJECT the TRUTH they open themselves to anything and everything EXCEPT the TRUTH.** (Romans 1:18-28; Ephesians 4:17-19)
- To REJECT the knowledge of God leads to a further DARKENING of the MIND and UNDERSTANDING.

The Sure Judgment of GOD (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

- (Hosea 4:6) Consequences for rejecting the TRUTH that God sends through His messengers! **MEDITATE ON THIS VERSE!** They had no bibles, no commentaries, no internet, no bible study tools.
- If men will not BELIEVE God (loving and doing the TRUTH) God will “hand them over” (Romans 1:24, 26, 28) to their own lusts and a DEPRAVED mind.
- (vv. 11-12) **BECAUSE people will not take God seriously He will hand them over to a lie and they shall REAP consequences what they SOW!**
 - ★ GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL. HE IS SOVEREIGN OVER GOOD and EVIL.
 - ★ GOD USES ALL OF CREATION TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PLAN (PURPOSE, WILL, DECREE)
- In Romans 1:18-32, because man refuses (willfully rejects) to glorify Him as **GOD** nor refuses to thank Him *in everything* (1 Thessalonians 5:18 with Matthew 7:21) God **is** pouring out His wrath on the world that will lead to its destruction.
 - (Romans 1:18-32) The WRATH of GOD *being revealed* . . .
 - “I (GOD) gave them over . . .
 - ❶ (Romans 1:24-25) **GOD** gives them over to the *lusts* of their hearts (minds) to dishonour their bodies – sexual immorality – such as adultery, fornication, dishonoring the marriage bed, child sex, etc..
 - ★ They believed the **lie** of the world and rejected the **truth** of God.
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** God sends a lie!
 - ❷ (Romans 1: 26-27) God gives them over to vile (evil) passions – homosexuality.
 - ★ These are sins **against nature.**

★ There are grave consequences for individuals **and** society when God gives man over to these passions.

★ God is SOVEREIGN over the LGBT movement! **MEDITATE!**

❸ (Romans 1:28-31) **GOD** gives them over to a **debased** mind – to move them to do things that are not fitting (things that should never be done).

★ A depraved mind: one that calls evil good and good evil.

- God pronounces “**woe**” on them. (Isaiah 5:20; Proverbs 17:15; Malachi 2:7)

☆ See Handout: Consequences of Not Loving the Truth

- God will **USE** Satan to bring this GREAT DELUSION that will cause people to actually believe the LIE – **GOD IS NOT GOD. WE ARE OUR OWN GOD.** (Just as God used a “lying spirit” to work in the false prophets to convince King Ahab to go into battle.)
- Judgment will FALL on those who do not believe the TRUTH (Jesus Christ - John 14:6) and who DELIGHT in EVIL rather than in what God calls good.

THIS DECEPTION IS ALREADY HAPPENING!

WHAT WILL YOU DO NOT TO BE DECEIVED?

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Do Not Be Deceive? How Not to Be A Fool?

- Be who you say you are - a **disciple** of Christ - a **student** and **imitator** of Christ. Anything less you are **already** deceived. (James 1:22)
- Do not mock God! Take Him as seriously as He takes Himself.
- Do not **sow** to your flesh (your own desires, wants, lusts, etc.).
- Do **sow** to the Spirit (being led by, guided by, filled by the Spirit). Be a **doer** of the **written** Word of God - it is the lamp to your feet and the light to your path. (Psalm 119:105)
- Surrender to the FACT that you belong to God and your life belongs body and spirit to Him. He is your Creator, Sustainer, and Lord whether you believe it our not. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Acts 2:36; 10:36; Colossians 1:16)
- Surrender that God is the OWNER and, therefore, LORD, of ALL that is in the heavens and earth. He is to be obeyed! (Acts 17:24-25; Psalm 24:11; Job 41:11; Daniel 4:35; Psalm 115:3; 135:6)
- KNOW that God is NOW judging the earth. KNOW that the people of the world are sowing to the flesh and God is giving them over to their ways to their destruction. (Romans 1:18-32; Galatians 6:7-8)
- KNOW that there is NO SALVATION from God’s wrath except through the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12; Isaiah 45:22)
- BE WARNED: Love the truth!