

DISARMING DEMONIC DECEPTIONS

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LUKE 4:14-19

Jesus clearly revealed His ministry platform everywhere He went. **MT. 4:23-24; 8:16-17; 12:14-15; 14:14, 35-36; 15:29-31; 17:16-18.** Jesus hasn't changed, but the devil tries his best to get people to think he has.

Deception – Satan's MO

2 COR. 11:1-3 HCSB Deception is Satan's #1 weapon he uses to undermine our faith. He used it to corrupt Eve's mind and lead her away from God's blessings. **MARK 7:13** He did the same to the Jews. Their traditions made God's Word ineffective and nullified its power. Satan hasn't changed. He still uses deception to make God's Word ineffective in people's lives today.

Sovereignty – A. W. Pink

We affirm His right to govern the universe which He made for His own glory just as He pleases. We affirm He is under no obligation to give an account of His matters to any. Every event in life is orchestrated by God. We accept what happens and trust Him because He much wiser than we are. Faith is nothing more than a trust that God has everything under control. Faith has no bearing on the outcome of our future and plays no role in affecting our circumstances. God has predetermined everything and we have nothing to do with it. God wrote the script and we act it out. What about **DEUT. 30:19 HCSB?**

“If True”

- Your husband was supposed to leave his dirty socks on the floor, and your wife was supposed to spend the mortgage payment at the mall.
- Never go to court. They were supposed to rob your house, steal your car, kidnap your child, and rape your daughter.
- We should never fire an employee for missing work, we should empty every prison and applaud those who gave their lives sacrificially through terroristic acts.

- We should never get medical help. We should let the sickness run its course and fulfill God's purpose.

“The Truth”

God doesn't orchestrate every event, He's not the force behind evil, He doesn't inspire terroristic acts, cause tornadoes, accidents or anything classified as catastrophic. He's not the force behind sickness and doesn't use it to discipline His children. Satan is the force behind evil and sickness, not God. **ACTS 10:38, 1 COR. 5:4-5.**

Demonic Deceptions

1. Paul's Thorn: **2 COR. 12:7** “Thorn in the flesh” **NUM. 33:55 HCSB, JOSH. 23:13 HCSB.** These are people inspired by Satan to cause trouble. “Messenger” Angelos: 181 times angel, 7 times messenger. **2 TIM. 4:14-17 HCSB** Alexander is an example.
2. Timothy's Stomach: **1 TIM. 5:23** It was very likely that the water was causing his stomach issues. Fermented wine was used as a remedy to prevent dysentery by destroying the bacteria and harmful pathogens of the water. God doesn't oppose natural remedies.
3. Epaphroditus: **PHIL. 2:25-30** We must care for our body.
4. The man born blind: **JOHN 9:1-7** The comma makes it clear that the work of God was his healing, not his blindness.
5. Lazarus: **JOHN 11:4, 14, 39-44** Jesus spoke the word by faith. He thanked the Father for healing him, then He spoke to Lazarus, who came forth.

Conclusion: Satan uses deception to undermine our faith because he knows unbelief limits God, **MK. 6:5-6.** The way to disarm Satan's #1 weapon is teaching the truth. The truth is Jesus bore our sickness, carried our pains, and by His stripes, we were healed!