

THE MIGHT OF THE LIGHT

Seeing The Truth

I. The enemy does not want you so see the truth

- A. John 8:31-32-It is a truth that Satan does not want you to see the truth because the truth will you see and believe will make you free; while not seeing the truth would keep you bound
 - 1. Genesis 3:1-6-He doesn't want Eve to SEE the truth of where this is headed
 - 2. Proverbs 14:12-It goes back to this way that seems right
- B. Proverbs 1-This was written to give discernment so that you could see so it's obvious Satan doesn't want you to see
 - 1. 5-A wise man will hear and increase insight
 - 2. 7-Respect for God is the beginning of seeing of perception of discernment
 - 3. When are a deceiver and deception is your weapon it's vital that your target not see the truth
 - a. He doesn't want the bird to see where this is headed
 - b. He doesn't want this man who's being enticed by sinners to see where this is headed
 - 4. 20-When your enemy is a deceiver and his weapon is deception light makes you mighty to overcome him
 - a. God didn't show up and say you need more power, he showed as wisdom because they needed more light
 - b. These simple ones were deceived and deceived people need light
 - 5. **God gives help by giving light, by giving wisdom because that's how you overcome deception and the devil**
- C. Proverbs 1:22-3 Things that will keep you in deception: She's crying out to people who don't have light and there are three groups
 - 1. Love simplicity (deception) – Liking what you believe
 - a. Love-To like-Some people don't want out of their deception, they don't want to see (they like what they believe even if it isn't right)
 - b. You can like what you believe or you can love the truth
 - 2. Delighting in scorning – Pride
 - a. Scorn-A despiser, contempt; one who scoffs at religion, it's ordinances and teachers; talk arrogantly, to boast, to be inflated
 - b. They are in pride and don't value the light because they know it all and they couldn't miss it
 - 3. Hating knowledge – Not loving the truth
 - a. The hate the light and seeing because it exposes them

II. 2 Corinthians 4:4 (KJ&)-Satan wants to keep the truth hidden by keeping your mind dark

- A. If our gospel be hid; The truth is hid from these people; they don't see the truth
 - 1. **Hath blinded**-Darken the mind, To blunt mental discernment
 - a. *AMP-That they should not discern the truth, preventing them from seeing*
 - b. He wants to prevent you from seeing so that you cannot discern the truth from a lie
 - 2. These people don't believe the truth, they believe lies, but they don't know see it
 - 3. These people are lost (destruction), but the destruction came through deception
- B. Lest the light-There must be something about this light that makes him vulnerable, that exposes him, that He can't overcome
 - 1. If the light shines and these people see the truth they can believe it and overcome and get free
 - a. If the light shines then you're going to see and discern the truth and if you know the truth and believe the truth it'll make you free
 - 2. He has to darken the mind LEST the light shine-If the light shines it's over for him
 - a. He lives in constant fear of you getting light and seeing
 - 3. How would people in this state overcome him and this destruction? They would do it through the might of the light
 - a. You overcome deception and darkness with light and with truth and if you were in a power struggle you would need more power but because it's a faith fight you need light so that you can have sight and believe right and not believe wrong
 - 4. **He blinds the mind with the darkness of lies**
 - a. **Every thought you yielded to and don't resist it gets a little darker and you get a little closer to total deception**
 - b. **He tries to inundate the mind with lies**
 - c. **People get overwhelmed because they didn't do the right thing with the first thought that came**
- C. This is the biggest issue Satan deals with in a man's life, his eternal salvation and notice take notice of his devices of his method, how he works: by blinding their minds from the truth, keeping them from the light, getting them to believe a lie to be true
 - 1. On the biggest issue he used his greatest weapon deception
 - 2. His entry point into any person, any church, any community is through the mind and the mind is always his point of attack-Luke 8:27
 - a. Satan's attack never begins spectacularly
 - b. 27-Nobody has to have devils (Ephesians 4:27-Neither give place to the devil (foothold); John 14:30-Jesus said he has nothing in me)
 - 1) 30-Who allowed the devils to enter into him? Who gave these devils permission to enter into him? He did-John 14:30, Ephesians 4:27

- a) The devil wasn't entering into everybody like this because everybody hadn't yielded to him the way that this man had-1Peter5:7-8
- c. 29-The devils driving because he let the devil drive
 - 1) The enemy is not just showing up and possessing people against their will and without their consent
 - 2) 29-People will look at this and ooh and ah about how spectacular it is, but what they don't release is that it started with an arrow of deception fired and a man who yielded to it
- d. 30-Who allowed these devils to enter into him?
 - 1) Proverbs 4:23-Guard your heart means you can let in what you want and not let in what you don't want
 - 2) The mind is the gateway to the heart; These devils entered in his heart because he gave place to them in his mind
 - 3) 35-When he got delivered he was in his right mind and when he was in bondage he was not in his right mind
- a) When that demon was oppressing him his mind was unsound, therefore demonic activity always has to do with the mind
- e. Even when demonic influence increases it still started on this level of lies and deception
 - 1) Words of Satan spoken to the believer and yielded to become thoughts taken
 - 2) Thoughts taken continually become strongholds in the mind (it's no longer just a thought you have, it's your WAY of thinking)
 - 3) Strongholds in the mind enable that spirit to set up residence and give it authority to inspire everything a person does-Rom8:6,Isaia26:3
- a) When you begin to yield to what that spirit says you give that spirit place in your life and you will begin to take on his characteristics
- f. When light and truth showed up this guy got free

III. If light is the power that darkness cannot overpower or over take then light is mighty and when you have light you are mighty-John 1:4-5

- A. Proverbs 24:5-A man that has light, has sight, has might
 - 1. A wise man is strong (**Prudent**-Foreseeing and avoiding evil; Caution or circumspection in selecting the most suitable means and discerning what that is and what that is not); **Strong**-Might
 - 2. A man that can see strengthens himself
 - a. **Knowledge**-Discernment, perception, To see
 - b. **Strength**-Might power
 - 3. Psalm 27:1-The Lord is my light, The Lord is my strength and therefore my light is my strength and my strength is my light

- B. Psalm 38:10-With no light you're weak; with no light you have no might
 - 1. **The less light you have the weaker you are, the more easily you'll be deceived and overcome**
- C. Proverbs 1:24-God calls wisdom and light his hand (strength and power)
 - 1. He stretched out his strength and power to them, which was the wisdom and light he was offering; His light is His might
- D. Ephesians 6:10-Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might – What makes you strong in the Lord? Light makes you strong
 - 1. **Light is the power of God to overcome the deception and darkness of the enemy**
 - a. 2 Corinthians 10:4-Our weapons that are mighty and our weapon is the light, the armor of light
 - b. Romans 13:12-The armor of light will keep you from being deceived
 - 2. When God was offering light in Proverbs 1 he was giving them the might and power to overcome the adversary
 - a. What's going to keep you from buying into the lies and deception of the devil? You're going to have to be strong in the truth
 - b. Genesis-Jacob could deceive Isaac because he couldn't see

IV. How are you going to overcome deception? When the enemy is trying to inundate you with lies how to win? You're going to overcome with your mouth and with the light

- A. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-The Lord consumes the enemy with his mouth and destroys him with the light; This gives us insight into how we are going to overcome the evil one; You're not going to get victory some different way than Jesus got it and he got it with his mouth and with light
 - 1. With our mouth we swing the sword of the spirit and slice Satan up-Revelation 19:15,21,12:9-11
 - a. **Consume**-Devour, Annihilate, Destroy be dissipating
 - b. With our words we annihilate, devour, and destroy the enemy
 - c. **The Lord is devouring, destroying, annihilating a wicked SPIRIT with words**
 - 2. With light we render Satan inoperative and do away with Him
 - a. **Destroy**-Render Idle, Inoperative, Inactive, Do away with
 - b. **Light renders darkness idle, inoperative, inactive, does away with it; Darkness is inoperative, done away with the presence of light**
 - 3. The sword of the spirit is light, it's truth
 - a. Revelation 19:15,21,12:9-11-The word of God in your mouth is enough to overcome any spirit no matter how strong; speaking the word is how you swing the sword of the spirit; When you speak the Word like this you **hit something in the spirit**
 - b. Matthew 4-We see Jesus overcoming the lies and deception of the devil with the truth, the light of God's Word and by speaking that word out his mouth; he's standing against the lies of the devil

4. **Jesus didn't say I'm going to fight by praying, he said I'm going to fight by speaking the Word**
 - a. **You don't need to say something 500 times, you need to say something as many times as the enemy fires a dart at you**
 - b. **If you're not saying anything with your mouth you're in a fight not fighting, not throwing any punches, not swinging your sword**
 - c. **You don't swing your sword by knowing, you swing it by saying**
- B. Our faith in the light is our defense against his attack-Ephesians 6:16
 1. Our defense against his attacks is faith in the truth; The shield of faith is faith in the light, faith in the truth
 - a. The shield of faith is faith in the light, faith in the truth
 - b. The enemy fires lying, deceptive words at us and we quench with our faith in the truth
 - c. **When you stand against his lies in faith you just quenched something**
 2. I don't believe that, I believe the Word – The arrow was just quenched
- C. *He's firing arrows at you (lies) and you quench them with faith in the truth and beat him back with speaking the truth out of your mouth
 1. If you did that you would never be deceived and your mind wouldn't be darkened