

Sunday, August 8, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Vulnerability to Spiritual Warfare 4

Series: Vulnerability ... 7

Text: Matthew 24:1 - 28

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to the major and most effective tactic of the adversary; that is the device of DECEPTION! The reason this device is so effective is – the nature of deception is we are not aware that we have been deceived but are convinced that our understanding is correct.

Introduction:

~ Review of August 1 devotional:

Vulnerability to the Accusations of Satan:

1. Satan Makes Accusations About Our Security, Philippians 1:6
2. Satan Makes Accusations About Our Walk, 1 John 1:8 - 10
3. Satan Makes Accusations About Our Level of Faith, John 15:7
4. Satan Makes Accusations About Our Motives, 2 Corinthians 5:9 - 10
5. Satan Makes Accusations About Our Ability to Serve, 2 Corinthians 10:12

1. Satan’s Deception About the Reality of God:

~ Humanist Manifesto (1933, 1973, 2003: “The central theme of all three manifestos is the Elaboration of a philosophy and value system which does not necessarily include belief in any personal deity or “higher power”, although the three differ considerably in their tone, form, and ambition. Each has been signed at its launch by various prominent members of academia and others who are in general agreement with its principle.” Wikipedia)

Main points:

Free Inquiry; Separation of Church and State; The Ideal of Freedom; Ethics Based on Critical Intelligence; Moral Education; Religious Skepticism; Reason; Science and Technology; Evolution; Education

~ “Secular humanists hold that ethics is consequential, to be judged by results. This is in contrast to so-called command ethics, in which right and wrong are defined in advance and attributed to divine authority. “No god will save us,” declared Humanist Manifesto II (1973), “we must save ourselves.”

~ Psalm 14:1, “The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.”

~ Proverbs 1:7, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

~ Two slides

2. Satan’s Deception About Jesus Only:

~ “Are there not many ways to God?”

~ “If there is a god, surely he will accept an individual if they are sincere.”

~ John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

~ Acts 4:12, “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

~ 1 John 2:23, “No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.”

3. Satan’s Deception About the Judgment of God:

~ “Surely if there is a god he would not judge his creatures.”

~ Hebrews 6:1 - 2, “Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and faith toward God, (2) and of instructions about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.”

~ Revelation 20:10, “and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

~ Hebrews 9:27 - 28, “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, (28) so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”

~ Matthew 25:41, “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

~ Revelation 20:15, “And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat (#G968, bema) of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

~ James 3:1, “Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

Conclusion:

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