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Are They Blind?

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Introduction

In Matthew 13:3-9 it says, Jesus **“...spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow...And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up...Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth...And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away...And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them...But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold...Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”**

Following that, in Matthew 13:10,11 it says, **“And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?...He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.”**

Why is it given to some to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but unto others it is not given? Is God unjust? Is God unfair to some? Is God a respecter of persons? The answer to these last questions is No, God loves everyone. God is not unjust, unfair, or a respecter of persons. The problem is not with God, it is man's fault that it is not given to them to know **“the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.”**

Then Jesus said, **“For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath...Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand”** (Matt. 13:12,13). What is Jesus talking about? God is not unfair. God has already done His part. But there is a problem on man's part.

Then Jesus explained by saying, **“...in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive...For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them”** (Matt. 13:14,15). The Word of God had already been spoken in Isaiah 6:9,10.

Is it any different today? Are Christians blind and cannot see? Are they deaf and cannot hear? Are the words of men more important than the Word of God? Are they believing the words of men over the Word of God? Something is wrong in many Churches today. Something is happening that should not be happening among Christians.

The more we hear what is going on in the Churches the more we wonder, cannot they see? Cannot they hear? Why do they teach some of the things we hear in the Churches today?

If their eyes were opened that they could see, you would think they would stop doing some of the things they are doing. If their ears were open that they could hear, you would think they would stop doing some of the things they are doing.

Have you ever asked the LORD, Why LORD? Why are their eyes so blind, and why cannot they hear? But praise the LORD, for He did say, **“But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear”** (Matt. 13:16). We cannot boast on what we know, neither can we brag on what is happening in our lives. God is not a respecter of persons. What He has done for one He will do for anyone who will believe His Word and do what we are told to do.

But for others, their minds are blinded and they cannot see. Their ears are deaf and they cannot hear.

Blind Eyes, Deaf Ears Not Understanding

When Jesus spoke of some having their eyes blinded in Matthew 13:9-16, He was speaking of the Children of Israel, especially the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees. Many times while Jesus was speaking, the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees would come tempting Jesus, trying to get Jesus to deny the truth and submit to their ideas. Because that those whom God had chosen to teach the Children of Israel at the time of Moses were not teaching what they were instructed to teach, Isaiah prophesied, **“Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not...Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed”** (Isa. 6:9,10).

For many years, the LORD sent prophets unto the Children of Israel, to turn them from following the teachings of men. Yet, they would not listen to the true prophets, but followed the false prophets instead. Is it any different today?

God is Love (1 John 4:8). God will not do wickedly. In Job 34:12, it says, **“Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.”** In Job 8:3 it says, **“Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?”**

Jesus is the express image of the Father (Heb. 1:3). God is love. Therefore, Jesus is also Love. To understand God and Jesus we need to understand the definition of the love of God. The definition of the love of God is found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

The leaders of the tribes of Israel were not walking in love. They had all kinds of rules and traditions that did not agree with what God had intended for them. Therefore, Jesus spoke to His disciples, saying, **“But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear”** (Matt. 13:16).

Jesus' disciples were chosen by God, knowing the end from the beginning. In John 17:12, Jesus prayed to the Father, saying, **“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”** God always looks at the hearts of people. Those whose hearts are right before God, He will keep them from the wicked one. But those whose heart is not right before God, their minds can be turned over to the Devil, whereby they become blinded to the truth of the Word of God.

In 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 it says, **“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost...In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”** Can a Christian be lost? Certainly, if they continue in the things they are told not to do. We are saved by grace, through faith, and not of ourselves (Eph. 2:8-10). Yet, that does not mean eternal security. Christians must continue in the Word and the Spirit if they want to obtain unto the resurrection of the dead (Matt. 24:13).

The New Testament is written to Christians that they can know the truth and obtain unto the resurrection of the dead and inherit eternal life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit will do all He can to lead, help, guide, comfort, and teach those who are truly born again. But, God will not force anyone to do anything. Love never forces anyone to do anything.

God first sent His Word that we might know the will of God for our lives. Then God sent His

only begotten Son (Jesus), into this world to show us the Father, and teach us the right way to obtain eternal life. After Jesus went to be with the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to continue to teach us all things pertaining to God and eternal life.

Yet, there are many who have departed from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and the doctrines of men. This is not God's will for those who come to Jesus and receive eternal life in Christ Jesus. We must continue in the Way, the Truth, and the Life, if we are to obtain unto the resurrection of the dead.

The New Birth is only the beginning of a new life in Christ Jesus. If we do not continue in the Word, led by the Holy Spirit we could lose our inheritance and eternal life. That is why the Devil has so many working for him, to blind the minds of those who do not believe the true gospel.

How does the Devil blind the minds of Christians? In Romans 1:18-32 it explains how the Devil blinds the minds of Christians. The Devil uses other people to teach things which are not true. (Things which do not agree with the inspired written Word of God.)

Not all Bibles contain the inspired written Word of God. Many Bibles today are the ideas of men, who have changed the Word to make it say what they think it should say. Therefore, it is important to check everything out with the Hebrew, Chaldees, and Greek. At the same time, word for word studies is not always the right way. The only true way to know what the inspired written Word of God says, is to be taught by the Holy Spirit (Isa. 28:9-13; 1 John 2:27).

Concerning the blinding of the minds of Christians, Romans 1:18-20 tells us that the wrath of God comes upon Christians, who know the truth, but continue in unrighteousness. These are without excuse, for God has made the truth known to them. Romans 1:21 then says, **“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”**

We are saved by grace through faith, but if we are not thankful for all that God has done for us by grace, and not of our own works, and we do not glorify God, Satan will have an advantage over us. Satan will lead us into many areas that God does not approve of. Not everyone will get into areas of homosexual activities, including what the world calls gay people (men having sex with men, women involved with women). That does happen with some, but there are many other things that Christians get involved in listed in Romans 1:28-31. Those things could also cause a Christian to have their mind turned over to a reprobate mind. A reprobate mind is “a debased, or rejected mind.”

When God rejects the mind of a Christian, Satan is able to blind their mind that they will not know the truth. These cannot see or understand the inspired written Word of God, which could save them and set them free of the works of the Devil.

How sad it is that so many born again Christians have their minds blinded by the god of this world that they cannot see or understand the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. These go about teaching another gospel, which is not the true Gospel that Jesus and writers of the New Testament taught.

This is serious business. Christians need to walk in the truth, be taught by the Holy Spirit, and do the will of God in their lives.

In Romans 1:28-32 it says, **“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient...Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers...Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents...Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful...Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not**

only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”

How is it that there are many in the Churches today calling themselves Pastors, Prophets, and even Apostles, doing those things listed in Romans 1:28-32? Are they already blinded by the god of this world that they cannot understand the inspired written Word of God?

What will happen to those who do such things? What will happen to those who follow those who do such things? Are Christians blind that they cannot see? Are they deaf that they cannot hear? Cannot they understand the kingdom of God?

Some say, that could never happen to a Christian. Christians are born again of the Word and the Spirit, how can they be deceived?

The spiritual realm is real. The inspired written Word of God is true. Look at what it says in Colossians 3:5,6, **“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry...For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.”** Is not this the same thing we are told in Romans 1:18-32?

In Ephesians 5:3-8 it says, **“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints...Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks...For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God...Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience...Be not ye therefore partakers with them...For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”**

When the Pastors of Churches do these things what will happen to the members? Can the blind lead the blind? If they do, what will happen to them? How blind can a Christian get before they fall into the ditch?

In Matthew 15:10-14 it says, **“And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand...Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man...Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?...But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up...Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”** Wherever we look in the New Testament there are warnings about following those who do not follow the example set by Jesus. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). It is important that we Search the Scriptures for ourselves and Study the Scriptures to know the Truth.

There are many, who have gone the way of Balaam. We need to be careful that we do not follow them. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 2:12-21, **“But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption...And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you...Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children...Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness...But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet...These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness**

is reserved for ever...For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error...While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage...For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning...For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.”

How do you know if a Christian’s mind is blinded? How do you tell if the one who claims to be an Apostle, Prophet, or Pastor has his mind blinded by the god of this world? If they continue doing the things listed in the New Testament that they should no longer do, something is wrong.

There are many Christians today, teaching that Adam was spiritual. They have all kinds of Scriptures verses they use to prove that Adam was spiritual. Are they blind? Cannot they see what it says in 1 Corinthians 15:45,46? Many say they have read the New Testament completely through at least one-hundred times. After reading it that many times, how could they read 1 Corinthians 15:45,46 that many times and never see that it says Adam was not spiritual? It is clearly written that Adam was not spiritual. Yet they insist that Adam was spiritual. I believe the god of this world used men to teach their theology, without hearing from God. The teachings of men have made the truth of the inspired written Word of God of none effect in the lives of many Christians.

This does not mean that everything they teach is false. Blinding of the eyes comes gradually, just as in the natural eyes. Most people began to lose their 20-20 vision slowly. But, for our spiritual eyes, we must repent and stop teaching things that are contrary to the inspired written Word of God. If we do not repent, God cannot help us. But if we repent, God is truthful and just and will forgive us and cleanse us from whatsoever we have repented of. Repentance brings forgiveness. Forgiveness brings us into fellowship with God.

We must be careful about teaching things that are not according to the inspired written Word of God. The Bible speaks of some who cannot repent. If we continue to go contrary to the inspired written Word of God we could fall into the trap of the enemy. In Hebrews 6:4-6 it says, **“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost...And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”** This would not be good for any Christian who continues to teach things that do not agree with the inspired written Word of God. This should help us to understand, the wrath of God can come upon Christians who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

When we do what the Scriptures tell us to do, we will know the truth and the Truth will set us free (John 8:31,32). If we follow those who are already blinded by the god of this world, what will happen to us? Can we follow the blind and still walk in the Light? I do not believe that we can walk in the Light by following those who are blind, and cannot see the light.

When we study the New Covenant, and see what it says we should do, it is good common sense to do the will of God and not be lead astray following those who have their minds blinded by the god of this world.

Keep in mind, the wrath of God does come upon Christians who continue to do the things they are told not to do. God does not blind their minds. When they continue to do those things which God had told them not to do, God has no choice but to turn them over to a reprobate mind. Once they

have been turned over to a reprobate mind, Satan blinds their minds that they cannot see, know, or understand the Truth. Not knowing and understanding the Truth can lead them into deception. Deception can lead them into doing all sorts of things which are not of God.

If God is not in on what we do, we need to repent, and return to God before it is too late. If we find we have been blinded by the teachings of men, we need to Stop doing what we have been doing. Repent, and turn away from everything that is not pleasing to God. Then, confess our sins and be forgiven. Once we are forgiven, never go back to that again.

God is Love, and He loves everyone. But God will not force anyone to turn from following those who are not walking in the Light of the inspired written Word of God. God has given us His Word that we might know the Truth and walk in the Light (1 John 1:5-7). When we know the Truth, we should walk in the Truth.

Lying Spirits

Lying spirits are everywhere, even in the Churches today. Satan does come to Church on Sundays. In Job 1:6 it says, **“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.”** This is a prophetic message to the Churches today. When the sons of God (who are called by His name), come to Church on Sunday mornings, Satan comes also.

Satan has entered into the Churches and used lying spirits to lead many into deception. Lying spirits work through false prophets. Wherever there are false prophets there are lying spirits. We see this in 1 Kings, Chapter Twenty-two. King Ahab had many false prophets. Ahab did not want to hear from a true prophet. (Those who receive false prophets become blinded to the truth, “by lying spirits”).

In 1 Kings 22:19-23, the true prophet (Micaiah) spoke to King Ahab concerning his death (which came because of his disobedience). In 1 Kings 22:19-23 it says, **“And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left...And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner...And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him...And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so...Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put (permitted) a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.”**

Anything that is false is not true. Anything that is not true is a lie. As for false Prophets, Deuteronomy 18:22 says, **“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”** If a prophesy does not come to pass it is a lie. Therefore, a lying spirit was operating through the person who implied that he or she was a prophet or prophetess.

Lying spirits operate wherever they can. Usually, they are found where people do not walk in the love of God. When people, including Christians, prefer themselves before others, they give a place for lying spirits to operate in their lives. This is common in the world, for the father of lies is the Devil, who is also “the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4).

What about in the Churches today? How many Pastors permit lying spirits to operate through them? How many Pastors will tell you they will do something at a certain time and they do not keep their commitment. Is that a lying spirit? If it does not come to pass, it was not something the LORD said (Deu. 18:22).

Those who are truly led by the Holy Spirit will keep their promises. If someone is not led by the Holy Spirit, there is another spirit in operation. Most likely it is a lying spirit.

If a person is truly born again they have a witness in their spirit, a knowing that they are truly born again (Rom. 8:16; 2 Cor. 1:22; 1 John 3:24; 5:10). This witness in our spirit is God confirming His Word from within our spirit. The same thing happens when a Christian tells a lie. Immediately, following the telling of a lie, there is a sick feeling, a witness in our spirit that we told a lie.

For many, this experience of knowing they told a lie, by a witness in their spirit starts even before they are truly born again into the Body of Christ. God knows those who are His own, even

before they are born again.

When we get that witness in our spirit, that sick feeling, we need to repent, confess our sins and receive forgiveness. It is important that we determine within ourselves that we will not tell another lie. Repentance is the beginning of forgiveness. Forgiveness reestablishes our fellowship with God. Through repentance and forgiveness we can maintain our relationship with God.

Lying spirits operate in the same way as the serpent did to Eve in the Garden of Eden. They try to get you to do your own will, and be someone other than what God planned for your life. The serpent told Eve a lie and said, “...**Ye shall not surely die**” (Gen. 3:4). Eve believed the serpent and she ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:6).

Lying spirits always tell you that it is ok to lie, especially if it helps you get what you want. The more times you let those lying spirits talk you into lying, the easier it is to override the witness in your spirit that warns you of a lie.

Many Christians have overrode the witness in their spirit so many time that they go about, **“Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron”** (1 Tim. 4:2).

This is a result of lying spirits that have not been overcome by those who have not confessed their sins, and repented of their lying. There are many of these in the Churches today, even calling themselves Apostles, Prophets, and Pastors. They are deceived, and blinded by the god of this world.

As Christians, we must try the spirits if they are of God (1 John 4:1). For many false Prophets, have gone into the Churches, not knowing it but they are controlled by lying spirits.

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