

Avoiding Deception & The Unknown 3/11/15

Isaiah 60:1-3 NASB "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. (2) "For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. (3) "Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

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Path of God vs. path below

We are to be content, but also not satisfied with lack.

What is the devil's only weapon?

Genesis 3:13 NASB Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Revelation 12:9 NASB And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 20:2-3 NASB And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; (3) and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Revelation 20:7-8 NASB When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, (8) and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.

You would not be deceived if you could see the

deception!

Does God want us in the know?

Ephesians 1:17-19 NASB that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. (18) *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (19) and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe...

1 Corinthians 2:16 NASB (16) For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

John 16:13-15 NASB "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. (14) "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. (15) "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

We need revelation by the Holy Spirit: Word, Rhema, or spoken through someone

How do we avoid deception & unknowns?

1 Corinthians 11:31 NASB (31) But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

James 4:8 NASB Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Joshua 3:5 NASB Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders[*amazing*] among you."

Jeremiah 24:7 NASB 'I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 NASB 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. (12) 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. (13) 'You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart. (14) 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, ...