

Mystery of Lawlessness

The Spirit of Deceit

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Okay, let me tell you a few things about deceit, deception. Let me tell you some areas that maybe you haven't seen.

The Scripture that you were talking about speaks often of deceit. Deceit is being deceived. Deceit is being deceived, being deceived of what is right and what is wrong. There are two ways to have deceit. To practice deceit against what is right and practice it upon yourself, or to have, practice deceit upon someone else. Deceit is when you can speak out of your mouth and say what you think is right or wrong, and down in your heart you have something else.

Deceit can also be when you say what you think you want to do and you really don't mean that. You really want to do something else down deep in your heart. And deceit is when you don't look down and see what you really have in your heart and what you said you want to do or will do.

Deceit is saying, "I will do it, Lord." And going forth and doing it not. Deceit says, "I love you, God." And down deep in your heart if you didn't get what you wanted, you'd hate God and shake your fist at Him and blasphemy Him. Deceit is when you say, "I love you, God. I love Your ways." And then you have a trial or test or you get sick and something happens to your family and then you say, "Why me, God? Why does it come upon me? God, why do I always have to go through this. God why does it always overtake me, this sickness and disease and infirmity?"

Instead of saying, "God, I am sick inside. I have disease in my heart." Because all

physical sickness comes from spiritual sickness. Period. I didn't say it had to come from that person. It could come from your father or your forefathers back three or four generations. But it all comes from sickness and sin in the family or the lineage of your family. That is why it is inherited or heredity. Cancer. High blood pressure. Arthritis. Lameness. Poor eyesight. And on and on and on, these diseases go from family member to family member because they are all spiritual. They are all caused by a spirit, and a spirit of sickness. That doesn't mean that person had it, but that family had it somewhere along the way.

And if that family doesn't turn to God and if that generation that is coming upon at that point doesn't turn and serve the Lord, bind the spirit and cast them out as Jesus showed you to do, and as I have told you to do, then that generation will likewise end up with the same sickness that their parents had. Invariably, and it will pass on down and on down and on down, until one generation all of a sudden in that lineage of that family says, "God, we will serve you with all of our hearts and they turn to the Lord, turn away from their idols. Idols are t.v., self-pleasure, material goods, worldliness,.... everything you see in this world today is idol worship. And you can be the best church goer there ever is and be the most idol worshipping fool that you have ever known. And most of them are. Because they worship religion. They worship the Bible. They worship their own lies. They worship their own ideas.

But it doesn't make any difference. That is deceit. The deceit of it is that you are deceived in what is really the true fact: Deceit is to practice deceiving. Practice deceiving yourself. To practice deceiving your family. To practice deceiving God in your own estimation.

It is speaking with guile. Guile in your mouth from what is in your heart. And you cannot see it unless God opens it up for you to see or unless you say, "Lord, I know I am full of deceit." And begin to declare it before God and cry out to Him and say, "Lord,

please, change my deceit. Take from me the deceit, O God. Reveal it to me that I may declare it to You."

The spirit of deceit is probably one of the most spoken of spirits in the books that you will read about the Lord. Both in the bible, in the books of the Patriarchs, which is one of the finest of all books to read, and also in the book of Adam and Eve. It is also in many of the other books, The Gospel of Truth and some of the others. Is the spirit of deceit that comes upon a man.

It is one of the very first spirits that ever came upon mankind because Eve was deceived. The spirit of deceit and deceiving came upon her. And her eyes were blinded.

One of the very great powers of the spirit of deceit is that it blinds you. You cannot see spiritually. It makes you deaf. You cannot hear what is truly being said in the spiritual. You think you hear, but it all comes in physical ears and you have no spiritual understanding.

The spirit of deceit says, "Boy, you're doing pretty good. You're learning a lot." When the truth is down in your heart you're not learning anything. You're just plowing along trugging along, being the same person today as you were yesterday, the week before and the year before. That's the spirit of deceit.

Deceit says, "Well, you're right. You know you're right. You read the word. You know what it says." When the actual fact is you don't know what it says in the Truth.

Deceit, the spirit of deceit, is the great enemy of truth. When you have the spirit of deceit and you practice deceit in your life, you are an enemy against the Truth. You hate the Truth is what it really comes to. You cannot love the Truth and practice deceit. And when you practice deceit, you do not know that you are being deceived. You do not know the deceit that is in your life unless you turn to the Lord and trust in Him. You must throw away all of your imaginations. You must throw away all your thinking of the past of saying,

"Well, I know what I am doing. I know what is happening. I know what I am saying."
Because that is a lie. That is a lie.

I am going to read to you what it says in 2Thes. second chapter, what is going to happen to the latter days. Now the latter days applies two cases. It applies to any man's life from the very beginning since the day that the Lord came. It applies to an anybody's life if he doesn't in his life, in walking with the Lord, doesn't see the deceit and turn from the lie that is with in him; the Lord said , "I will let you have that lie. You can keep it and die with it, and be damned. Or if you turn to me and say, "Lord, I can't see my lie. I do not know what I have done wrong."

When you begin to know that there is deceit in your life is when for instance you said, "Lord, I love you so much. O God, I am so thankful for what you have done for me. Lord, I would do anything for You. O God, I just love You. O Jesus, I just think You are the greatest. O Lord, thank You so much. God, anything You do is right."

And then you look down inside and if you didn't get what you wanted, you'd shake your fist at Him, or you'd beat on Him, or you'd curse Him, or you'd blasphemy Him. And then you would say, "O no, Lord, I wouldn't do that. I wouldn't do that." And God shows it to you and you feel ashamed of yourself. And after He does it two or three times you say, "O God, I wouldn't hate nobody. I don't have no hate in my heart. O God, I love everybody. And that is the biggest deceitful lie that you could ever perpetrate. Because buried down deep in your heart is when you were a child or when you were a youngster or in your younger years, 20 years, 30 years, 10 years before this, you look back and you say, "But I didn't like that certain relative. They didn't do me right, or I didn't like the way they were. They just weren't the type of people that I like. I didn't think that what they did was right. I used to make fun of them. I used to say ugly things about them. Or I used to say, "Well, they just weren't like us. Well, uh, they just didn't know the way to go." On and on. And when you really look at it, you see you had hate, because hate means a

great dislike. Hate means a great dislike. And who are you to determine what a great dislike is. What is the point that means great? Just dislike is enough. Just to be able to make remarks about someone, continuously, knowing that they didn't meet your standards or what you thought was right and wrong. Or because they were coming against you and you didn't like the way that they acted upon you. In that period of time, deceit began to come upon you. And you began to deceive yourself to say, "Well, I do not have any hate. I do not have any bitterness. I just don't agree with what they do. I just wouldn't want to have company with them very much. Well, we just don't get along because they are different. They just don't act the way I would act. I don't believe they are Christians." Etc and etc.

And deceit begins to come over you to make you believe that you are right and they are wrong. Deceit begins to come over you and say, "Well, you don't hate them. You love them. You really do. You are just saying this about them because it is true, you know and you know what is right and wrong. And the next thing you know, you get older in your life and you begin to say, "Ahh, I don't have any hate or any bitterness, nothing." And hidden behind you in all of your life was all this area against one, two or five people.

The deceit that is over you says, "I don't have it." And that is why God said, "The woman is deceived, always." Because she practices the spirit of deceit. She has white lies. She says to her family, "Oh, I love all of you so much." And down in her heart she says, "I really don't want you coming around to bother me, though." She says, "Oh, things are so good. I just love the Lord so much." And in her daily life she doesn't praise God by the Spirit and the truth in her heart.

Some of you know what I am talking about, don't you? Man is not deceived, but the spirit of deceit works upon him, particularly if he has a feminine spirit. Particularly if he is a sissy type or a pansy or a pussyfoot. Particularly if he is a homosexual. The spirit of deceit works upon him..... is a good example. He couldn't tell you what is right or wrong.

He doesn't know. Because that spirit works upon and he is just like a woman.

The woman is deceived, the man sins. Eve, deceit was upon her. Who was the spirit of deceit? Who was the master of deceit? Lucifer. He had it hidden in his heart. He served God, acted as a right hand of God and in his heart, he desired to be his own master. That is the spirit of deceit working in your life. Telling you that you are something when you are nothing.

The spirit of deceit is the master spirit. He is the one who says, "You something when you are nothing." He is the one who says, "Well, you rise up and tell them what you think about it. Fight them. Tell the Truth that he is a lie. Fight the Truth. Tell him, "That's not true. I do not have that spirit. I don't have that problem."

Instead of saying, "Lord, if I have it, and I probably do Lord, or If I do Lord, please reveal it, please bring it forth, Lord, so I can get it out, I do not want it in me." And then after you have been exercised several times that way to understand that the Truth is speaking to you, you will say, "Lord, I do have it. I do have it, Lord. I do not see it God because I am deceived. But I have got it Lord because I have been told I have got it."

And I will assure you that if you say that and begin to believe it, one day the Lord will reveal to you where it is at, in your life. And it will be there, won't it? Yes I know you know, don't you?

2 Thessalonians says in this way, I am starting in chapter 2, verse 7: "For the mystery of lawlessness is always at work." Whewwww, who is that mystery of lawlessness? The master deceiver. Mr. Deceit. The spirit of deceit. D-E-C-E-I-T. Deceit. "And only He, (capitol H) who now restrains, will do so 'til he is taken out of the way." 'He' is the Spirit of Truth. He is the Holy Spirit. He is the one who is holding and preventing this lawlessness from absorbing everyone from upon the earth. Because only the Truth can see through this spirit. Only the Truth can see through this spirit. So unless you be

imbedded and be one with the Truth, you are blind. And you are deaf. That is why the Lord said that no man can be set free unless the Truth set him free.

That is why the world of religion today is living in prison--in the hell hold of Satan, because they do not know the truth, they do not confess the truth, they do not have the truth, and they are not free. But they think they are, and so they begin to see what prison they are really in. Because they do not know the difference. God is not going to show it to them. "For the mystery of lawlessness is always at work. "It is already is at work. The mystery of lawlessness is master deceiver, Mr. Deceit. That is the spirit of lawlessness. The mystery of lawlessness. Because he is the one who covers you over so you cannot see and you cannot hear and you cannot find what is the truth. Mr. Deceit.

"And then, the lawless one will be revealed. Whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming."

Well, that is what takes place in your life, isn't it? At first it takes place spiritually. Then later it will be physical. But it is now spiritual. So when you know who that lawless one is, you can destroy him by the breath of the Lord's mouth. The breath of the Lord's mouth is a man whose mouth is being spoken by the Word with the Spirit and bring forth the Word of God, isn't it? And the brightness of his coming is when the coming of the Truth takes place out of your heart through your mouth. That is the brightness of His coming because it sheds the bright light of the noonday sun upon the lie that is within you.

That is what brings forth the understanding of the mystery of the lawlessness that is within you. That is the mystery of lawlessness. You wonder why you do lawlessness? You wonder why you do evil? It is because master deceiver is in there. He is the one who began with Eve, wasn't he? And got over Eve and overtook Adam.

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan. " What was the working of Satan in the beginning? He deceived Eve, didn't he? Because he saw that

she had a desire in her heart and he capitalized on that desire. First he will put the desire in your heart, in your mind. He will put a little thought in there, a little desire, to do your own will. To satisfy your own self, whether to tell somebody what you think about it, hatred, bitterness, murder, envy, strife, think you are right, think you are wrong, know how to worship, puts it in your mind to interpret the scriptures by yourself. Say, "Well, you know how to interpret, you know how to read the words, you know what it is." Etc. and etc, on and on.

" The coming of lawlessness is according to the working of Satan." The working of Satan was in the beginning when he brought deceit and deceiving upon mankind in Adam and Eve.

"With all the power, signs and lying wonders." Well, that's exactly what happens with deceit, isn't it? You say, "I know what he's telling me is right. I know it."

I thought that was a terrible article up there about Roberts, Oral Roberts saying to the people, "God told me that if I didn't raise 8 million dollars to train these missionaries and send them overseas, within the next year He was going to beam me up home; call me home." Now, if God told him that, my spirit sure doesn't receive it. I believe that the man has been deceived by all the power, signs and lying wonders of the master architect of raising money, big money, because I truly believe that when God sets out to do a plan, He puts it in the heart of people to send in and support His plan. Do you understand me now? When you seek His face, He'll support it. I don't believe you have to send out letters and say, "I've got to have some funds. God told me to raise some funds fast," but if that's his will, if that's the way He wants to do it, that's fine. The Lord will take care of that, but I believe that was the great master deceiver that's working upon Oral Roberts right now. I believe the man has taken over on it, and I hate to see it, because I've thought a lot of Oral Roberts and some of the work he's done, working under the power of the Spirit, but you can get too big if you don't watch it, and if he is, then with all the powers,

signs and lying wonders, he's being deceived in who spoke to him. There's voices in this world that are not God's.

"And with all unrighteous deception." What is the difference between deception and deceit? Deceit brings deception. Deceit brings deception, causes the working of deception, so with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, not saved, perish. They're the ones who claim to be religious. They claim to know Jesus. They claim to know God, but they will not come to the Truth, and instead they listen to the mystery of lawlessness. The lawless one. In other words, deceit works in their life. They say, "I'm doing right," and they're doing wrong. They say, "I love You, God," and they do not in their heart, not knowing it. They say, "I'm going to listen to the Truth," and when the Truth speaks to them, they say, "I don't want that. That isn't what I wanted. I wanted to know what the word said," when they're being told. "Because they did not receive the love of the Truth." The love of the Truth stings, doesn't it? The love of the Truth burns you. It galls you. Why? It wouldn't do it if you didn't have sin in you, would it? Anytime the Truth speaks to you, the love of the Truth is to tell you what is right and wrong. The love of the Truth is to tell you what the Word means. The love of the Truth is to say, "You've got this in your heart. You need to get it out." The love of the Truth says, "I'll tell you now before you're judged eternally." The love of the Truth says, "I'll tell you what's wrong with you if you will do something about it before you're judged eternally, and you hate to hear that because it galls you, particularly when there's hate and bitterness in your heart, particularly when the deceit is upon you.

When the one of deceit and deceiving is upon you, the mystery of lawlessness, the master deceiver, who is the spirit of deceit, who is from the lying wonders, powers and working of Satan, deceit is all over him and he doesn't know where he's going or how he's going to get there or what's happening, and he can just laugh about it like a fool because he doesn't know the way and he's lost. Deep in his heart he knows it, but to tell you, he

wouldn't do it. It would scare him. It's a shame. I love the boy, but you can't save his life. He thinks he's saved by his own thinking in his mind, but it says, "They will not receive the love of the truth that they may be saved," and the reason why they won't receive the love of the Truth is because it requires a man to humble himself and to be broken, and that's why the race of people upon this earth today are lost, because they have turned from the ways of the Truth. He says, "For this reason, God will send them strong delusion that they should believe the lie," strong delusion that they should believe the lie, "and that they all may be condemned who did not believe the Truth but had pleasure in unrighteous." That would be like a man throwing away the book of the Truth in Deliverance, in whom the Lord made the words and brought it forth. The man who comes against that will be the same man who will be condemned because he cast away the Truth when it was given to him. The truth hurts.

Deceit, deceit is believing a lie. Deceit is when you say, "I know the Truth. I read the Bible. I can understand what it says." Well, that's what the Jews said. That's what the Pharisees said. They argued with Jesus continuously. They would say, "Well, we read the word. We read Moses. We know the Law." In other words, that's what the Baptists say today, and that's what religious people say, "I read the Bible. I know what it says. I can do it myself," and then comes the Truth to say, "This is what this word means. This is what God asks of you. This is what He gives you by this word," and they say, "No, I don't want that. No, that doesn't suit my heart. No, that isn't what I believe," because the master deceiver is upon them and within them, because throughout their life they believed a lie and they cannot hear the Truth. No longer can they hear the Truth.

How can you change a man like that? How can you save him? You can't. God loves the man and He works for him. He reaches out for him. He sends people to tell you the truth. He sends people out to be a witness to him, but he don't want to hear, man or woman. They say, "Wait just a minute. We have our own belief. We have our own

religion. We have our own church. We know the way. We don't need anything else. We got it made," and in the end they die without knowing the Truth, having been given it, but not receiving it. Why? Because the mystery of lawlessness, who is the master deceiver, is upon them. They cannot hear and they cannot see. They are blind. As it says in Romans, "They have a spirit of stupor upon them." Stupor makes them blind and makes them deaf. Romans chapter 11:8, "Just as it is written, God has given them a spirit of stupor." You notice, it didn't say Satan gave it to them, did it? That's the strong delusion that God talked to you about. He said He will give them a strong delusion that they should believe the lie. The strong delusion is the spirit of stupor, and when the spirit of stupor comes upon a man, eyes cannot see, ears cannot hear to this very day, and it becomes like a snare to him, and they begin to become religious. They begin to read the word. They begin to quote you the word. They begin to go to church. They begin to search for different churches. They look for churches here and churches there, all over the place, and then they begin to come against the churches, and then they hate everything around them, but they never change their lives. You'll hear them talk about the pastors of churches and how bad they are in different ones, but their life is a dirty, filthy life. They have hatred in their heart, bitterness. Their life is full of vileness, self-will, bitterness, stiff-necked, hard-hearted, all those things is what God hates because God said in Psalms 51:17, "This is what a man must have. This is what a man must have is a broken spirit and a contrite heart, a humble heart, one who is saying, "Your way, Lord, not mine," one who will listen, one who can hear. That's why Jesus couldn't preach, teach, tell, prophesy to the Pharisees, the religious people of His days, because they all wanted to laugh at Him. They all wanted to tell Him what they thought. They all wanted to say, "Well, we'll check this man out. We're just going to watch you, man. We're going to see what you're going to do. We're going to see what's going to happen," and they never could see.

He did miracles before their eyes and they couldn't see Him, and you would ask

people today, religious people, and nine out of ten of them would tell you, "Well, if I was in that day, I wouldn't have done like those Jews did," and so God says, "Now, we'll let you have a chance to see if you mean what you say or are you a liar too?" He says, "I'll send the Truth, and we'll see what you'll do." Today the religious people will do the same thing to the Truth as they did to the Word in the day that He came. It's the same thing, because they are covered by the spirit of deceit. The spirit of deceit, the mystery of lawlessness is working within them, and this generation and this age. It's all over them. If you were to go through the scriptures and review it, you would see that the spirit of deceit is one of the most listed spirits probably that you'll find in there, particularly in the book of the Patriarchs. In the book of the twelve Patriarchs, which is in the books of old called the Forgotten Books of Eden written of old, though considered not biblical in their opinion, and yet the apostles and the disciples and Jesus Himself quoted from those same books, and it's written in the Bible. From those, the books of the twelve Patriarchs, I believe that the spirit of deceit is probably one of the greatest spirits that dwelt upon the men of the ages of past. It began with the day of Eve. That's the first exact spirit that came was the spirit of deceit, who deceived Eve, and obviously it had to be working upon Adam because when she told him about it, he knew he was wrong, and yet the desire of his heart was to follow his wife and he turned around and ate the fruit.

Now, that fruit stood for reading the Word of God. It stood for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and that's what religion wants today. Religion says, "We don't want the truth, Lord. We want the Word. We want to read the Word so that we have knowledge of Your Word," and they have the knowledge of the Word and have not the Spirit of Truth to reveal it, so what they're doing is they're walking around saying, "We're a walking encyclopedia. We have all the understanding. We read the Bible. We got it printed. We broke it down. We've even got it computerized to where we can tell You, Lord, where everything is located in Your Word," and God says, That's only a portion of

the word I gave you upon the earth for instructions," and none of it is any value except it be revealed by the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit. Except that the Spirit tell you what it means and how to use it and how to live it, it isn't any value to you. Go back to the book of John, in John 16. In the book of John 16, Jesus gave the instructions. He said starting in verse 7, John 16, "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away." Why would it be to your advantage for Him to go away if He was the Word and the Savior? He said, "Because, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you," so it's important that the Helper come. He says, "It's very important that the Spirit of Truth come to you, the Holy Spirit, because if I depart, I will send Him to you, for He is from Me and of Me, and when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." He will bring a conviction, and then on down through, and then start verse 12, "I have still many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now, however, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth." He will guide you into all truth if you humble yourself, if you're broken, if you get out from you the hard heart, the stiff-neck, if you get out from you your own ways, if you be broken in the furnace, if you be dedicated to the Lord, and if you give up your self-will and you give up your own desires and your own life, He will then guide you because the Spirit of Truth can't do it otherwise. Who guides you whenever you want to do your own will? Demons. Idol worship does, Satan, Lucifer. That's what his will is, is to force your will, but only when you're dedicated to the Lord, will God guide you. It's only when your heart is turned to Him, soft and gentle and loving and kind, where you cry tears of sorrow for your wrongs that you've done. You know what I'm talking about.

Continuing on in John 16, He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak. How does He hear it? He hears it by His Spirit from His Father in whom He came from," and He will tell you of the things to come" not the things that have been, but the things to come. Satan can tell you things that have been. He can worry

you to death on the things of today, but the Spirit of Truth will tell you of things to come. He will prophesy to you as He speaks. "He will glorify Me," sayeth Jesus, "for He will take of what is Mine." In other words, "He will take My word. He will take Me, the Word, the broken Word that I told you would be broken for you. He will take that broken Word. He will break it down for your understanding. He will break it down for your comprehension. He will give it unto you through your spirit that you might live it, and that you might declare the sins of your heart as they are revealed to you in your life day by day. He will take of what is Mine, which is the Word of God, and He will declare it to you. He will declare it to you. He will give you of It, and declare It to you, both verbally, spiritually, in your heart, and in your daily life. Jesus then said, "All things that the Father had are Mine. And therefore, I say, that He the Spirit of Truth will take what is Mine and declare it to you. If He gives it to you then He knows that He has received it from His Father. He has received it from the Word, for the Truth is the Word Revealed.

The Truth is the Word Revealed. It is The Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ. The revelation of Jesus Christ in a man's life, when He comes to walk in the trueness of God and the fulness thereof has received the revelation of Jesus Christ. Now it has dual meanings: the revelation of Jesus Christ is spiritual to a man that is hidden in the Family of God, and it is also going to be physical that others upon the earth may see it and know that it's happened. But the ones who have received it will have received it spiritually, going through it by God, by the Spirit, for the revelation of Jesus Christ to be revealed in their heart. You haven't seen it yet, but it is getting ready to occur, and is now in being.

Deceit is what is going to kill more people than anything else. That is the mystery of lawlessness. It covers over what you think, what you see, what you believe, what you think you are, what you tell others you are, what you tell yourself you are. Deceit even tells you what he thinks you are and you will believe it. You will believe your own lie, in the thinking of your own mind, programmed by on the earth by the works of man is what

is right and wrong. And by your own mind, you'll begin to think, "Well, this is what the Word says. Well, this is what the man says. This is what is right and this is what is wrong. "Well, I can discern what's right and what's wrong. I know what's good, and I know what's bad. But he lies to himself! His own spirit of deceit has overcome him, and he's lying to himself, and he doesn't even know the truth. And neither will he find it. I will assure you that no man will find the truth until the day of his judgment after his death except that he submit to the Lord and yield himself totally that he might know the truth. Otherwise, he can't.

There is only one power, there is only one thing of God that will reveal that spirit of deceit, and that is the Truth. Nothing else. You cannot find it. You cannot see it, you will not know it, but you will know that something is wrong, and you will go around stumbling in the dark, in the blind, never being able to figure out what's right and what's wrong. "Lord, why can't I do it? What's happening to me? Why am I sick? Why this, why is this happening?" Because the spirit of deceit is upon you, or within you. And you are being deceived down deep in your heart. You are being deceived in your own spirit, in your own live. You are deceived to believe that lie that you thought that you knew what was right and wrong. That's what Eve did, and that was the beginning of the mystery of lawlessness.

Now the wicked one, Satan, in whom brought it with all power, signs, and mighty wonders, because he showed us how beautiful it was. He showed our eyes how pretty and how beautiful that tree was and the fruit was on that tree.

In other words, when that spirit of deceit comes to you, and you're religious, he will show you how pretty the Bible is to you and those words are. He'll say, "Now this is for you." And then you'll read another one and says, "If you do this you might be damned." Any you say, "Well, that not for you. You don't need to worry about that." And you'll say then, "You know the right answers. You don't need to listen to no man. You don't need

to listen to no man, because you can understand what is right and wrong, and you can do what's right. You know what it is." That's the spirit of deceit, the lawless one, coming with signs, and powers and lying wonders upon you. It is the spirit that says, "Boy, you are really going to be big one day. You're really a great man. Look where your name is. It is going to be in lights. Its gonna be all over the world. You are going to be like King Herod, or someone big one like that. And I'm telling you the greatest man there is, his name won't be written around the earth until he is hated by everybody upon the earth. Then his name will be written by God permanently. But that which is loved by the people you better watch out for, because no man of God, no prophet, no man truly of God has ever been loved by the people on the earth. By a few? Yes. By a number? No. Moses was hated by most of the people. He saved their lives out of Egypt, and they hated him. Abraham had his wars and his fighting all through the place. Jacob was always in trouble and fighting in wars where ever he went. Only God protected him. John the Baptists, Pharisees couldn't stand him, and he couldn't stand them either, the religious people. Then finally they killed him – cut his head off.

Jesus had a following that fell out every time He told them the real truth. They couldn't stand to listen to Him. And all the apostles ended up in jail, except for one, John. And, he could have been dead, because they boiled him in oil and a few other things. But allowed him to live to a ripe old age that he might write the book of the Revelations of Jesus Christ, the revealing of Christ, the Truth.

And the mystery of deceit is the wicked wonder of the powers of darkness upon this earth. It is the downfall of the human race. It is when man begins to believe his own mind. It is when man believes his own lies. It is when man believes he knows what is right and wrong. It is when man listens and it sounds good to him and he says, "I like that. It tingles my ears. It makes me jump inside. I feel like that's what I want. It doesn't come against my thinking. It doesn't bother my feelings. It makes me feel good. I like

that. I want that. It makes my body feel good. I like that pleasure. Well, God would probably like it too, because I like it, therefore God might like it.” And you begin to deceive yourself with the lies the same as Eve did. She ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which is reading the Word of God by the Word, without the Spirit, without the Truth, without being broken, without being humbled, without being dedicated to the Lord, and she became a religious person that knew the Word, but she didn’t have the spirit of Life. And she lost her life. She died, spiritually. Whether she was saved by the Lord, that was another question. Probably yes. We are not going to go into it. But she died spiritually as well as Adam did. Because they were deceived by the spirit of deceit. Working the mystery of lawlessness, by the wicked one, Satan. And he came to them and spoke to their mind, and said, “God wouldn’t kill you. He surely wouldn’t... God loves everybody. He wouldn’t put you in hell. God wouldn’t cause you to do this or that. What a lie!

Many times when the spirit of deceit is upon you is when you are in the condition of saying, “Well, the Lord told me in a dream, or in a vision, or put in my heart that I should do this or that, and you set out to do it. Now the way you set out to do something, in most cases, is when you begin by fasting and in prayer, or by dedicating it to the Lord, saying, “Lord, I dedicate this area of my life or this area to You. Bring it to pass, or bring it about according to Your will, according to Your time schedule, according to Your plan. I commit myself to You, to do it.” Now if Moses would have done that in the beginning, God would have said, “Moses, I’m gonna send you down somewhere for a while. I’m gonna put some rulers in here that are gonna cause these people to be under slavery for about 40 years. Then I’m gonna take them out, Moses, and you can take them out. But he didn’t dedicate himself that way. He went out to do the plan of God.

And you will find that most men that are called of the Lord in their latter years have not dedicated their lives to God yet and must yet be broken and be trained so that they can do it. Paul is a good example. Peter is a good example. All the apostles, all the disciples,

Moses is a good example. David is a good example. You can look at them all. They are all in that area, because when God calls them, usually their heart is not yet broke or dedicated....(break in tape) They think so, but He doesn't. He calls them maybe to preach. Some of them do a good job, and some of them do their own job. But when He calls a man to do a great work, He first knows that man's heart, and He knows that that man will dedicate his whole life to the Lord doing it through him. And when God sent Moses down, He didn't say I'm going to give you some great power-- I'm going to give you a Bible to go by. All He gave Moses, He had a stick in his hand that was called a rod, a staff, and He said, "Moses, what do you have in your hand?" And he said, "I have a rod, a staff in my hand." He said, "No, Moses. You got a snake. It's a piece of Satan in your hand. You got the power of darkness upon you. You try to do it your own way. Throw it down on the ground, Moses." And he threw it down and it became a snake. And then it scared him.

In other words, when he did what God said, God then revealed to him the sin that was in it. He revealed to him the deceit that was upon him. He revealed to him the lie that he had. He revealed to him his own feeling, his own power, and his own might, and He showed Moses who was behind it – the snake, the symbolic of Satan, that lawless one. And then He said, "Now, Moses, reach down with My power in your hand and pick that snake up by its tail. And when he grabbed that bugger by the tail it then became a stick again, and it corresponded to what God had, because it was under control at that point. Because Moses threw down what God said was of Satan and he picked up what God said was of Me. In other words, the Lord used the wicked one to reveal who he was. And then He said "Now pick that wicked one up and I give you power over him." I give you power over serpents, and over snakes. Control him. Bring him forth. And then he took it and went down to Egypt with that stick that then became the power of the Holy Spirit. And He says, "Moses, whenever you want something done, point this staff at what I want.

Point this staff and the power is in it, not in you, Moses.”

The same today with any man. The power is not in him: the power is in the Spirit. Jesus said, “I don’t come on My own. I come by the power of the Spirit. I don’t do thing on My own. I do it by the power of the Spirit. And so does the Truth. All that He does is by the power of the Spirit. For, flesh has no power.

The mind of man is like a lying wonder. The mind of man being blank upon his birth has birth, has not thought or understanding...grew by putting his own word into it in his own understanding and then he from that derived what is right and wrong. What a lying wonder. That is the mystery of lawlessness. Because his mind is made of deceit, having not the Mind of Christ. But he who is of the Spirit and who walks by the Spirit, hears all things through the Spirit, his mind is being transformed into the mind of Christ. He walks by the power of the Spirit. Not by what he learned. But having the age old time of the Spirit, knowing what was always, and what will be. Lot of difference, wasn’t there? That’s what Christ walked by.

So when you set out to believe what’s in your mind, you will hear what you think is right, you will hear what your life has previously had in it, and you will be patterned after the environment in which you lived during your younger years. It will be patterned after your schooling. And if you went to higher education, it is almost impossible to believe, and be humble man of God, if you have knowing of higher education. Because almost all higher education is directly anti-God. It is very hard for a man who has a degree or a higher degree in college to ever come to be a true man of God. It is virtually impossible. I didn’t say to be saved. I said to be a man of God. Because he begins to believe the lies that he has learned from those men, thinking that they are the laws of God, when they were the laws of men. Man discerns, the law of the force of gravity - 32 feet per second, everything falls to the earth when you drop it from the sky. And Jesus stood upon the earth and rose right against it, straight into the heavens. Something has to be lie, doesn’t

it? There is no lie in God's law. And there's no lie in the physics law. The physics law says that that which is bound to the earth, that which is earthly, that which is of the terrestrial, the human body will fall to the earth. But He says, that which is of God, no longer has the law restricting him. And that's what it means, the law no longer has power over that which is of God. So you can rise against that gravity law.

The speed of light traveling 186,000 miles a second- in the law of God, Jesus is that light. And that light is instantaneous. It's as fast as the speed of thought having no boundaries having no speed limit, as it does in man's known law. But if you have the spirit of deceit, you cannot see this because the spirit of deceit will cover you over to where you begin to believe that the laws of men or the laws of God, but they are not. God gave those laws, the physics laws of the universe, to restrict man, so that man could not inhabit His Kingdom. He put you in the dimension that is different from the dimension of the Spirit, and the dimension of God. And the dimensions are Heaven. The different Heavens are different dimensions having different conditions, and different figures, having different everything. And you can't see it with human eyes. It's not made for man to do it. And yet man thinks he knows the way of God. How stupid. How small the mind of man, and that again is the spirit of deceit.

Deceit serves like this. "I'm having a great time. Boy, I'm just really enjoying my life and having a good time. And down inside he's miserable. He doesn't have a marriage that's decent. He doesn't have a job that's decent. He doesn't know the Lord like he should know Him, or at all. There is only one condition where man has peace, and happiness, and joy in his life. And, that's when Jesus Christ is the Word of God and the Spirit of God dwells fully, fully, fully within a man's heart and life. When every thought of his life is towards the Lord, when every desire is to serve the Lord, when every waking thing throughout day is to tell Jesus how much he loves Him. That's knowing peace, joy, and happiness. And there is no other. I don't care what

anyone tells you, because anything less than that is a liar. Whether he admits it or not, it doesn't make any difference. He lives a lie. That is the great delusion. That is the great delusion down inside that says, "Boy, I'm getting along good now, when he is dying of his own sickness by the spirit of deceit. The spirit of deceit lies to the man down inside saying, "Well, you are getting along pretty good now. You've been doing a lot of studying, and you've been doing a lot of praying, and God wants you to pray a lot and He wants you to study a lot, and you're going to get along pretty good."

NO. The Lord wants you to become humble, broken, full of tears, sadness and sorrow for your repentance for your way of life, and committed to Him, every ounce, and every step of the way for everything that is within you. And to turn to Him and say, "Lord I can't tell what is right and wrong. Lord, I don't know what's good and what's bad. Lord, I don't know what way to do it unless you show it to me by Your Spirit and reveal it to me." And when you have the Word that is written within you, you better stand off of it until the Spirit reveals to you what it means and how to use it. And your life CHANGES to become like Christ within. What you do on the outside has no affect. Sooner or later you'll be known for what you are on the inside, because a test will come right in your face and you'll be a fool in the front of those whom you thought you were going to impress. Because about the time you say, "Well, I'm calm and joyful and everything is right, and finally something will happen and that same man a few minutes later speaking out of the other side of his mouth blasphemes God saying, "Well, I don't know why these things happen to me. Well I got problems in my family. Well, my wife just doesn't understand me. Well my wife tells me what to do. Well this or that." Well, he doesn't have anything else in his life besides bitterness, unpleasantness. He's deceiving his own self thinking he has something when he is a liar. He has nothing. That's the mystery of lawlessness. That's the mystery of the spirit of deceit that works in man's life.

That spirit tells you inside what you think you want to hear, and you believe it. That spirit tells you something you say out of your mouth and you speak it to others thinking it's right, and it is NOT right. That spirit says this is what you believe, and down in your heart you don't believe it at all, because it covered you over to where you have the spirit of stupor. Ears that cannot hear, eyes that cannot see. Secondly, down inside, it makes you blind to your own, your own heart. It makes you have blindness to your own heart. You do not have spiritual understanding, spiritual eyesight into your own heart and your own spirit. It has you clouded over to where you cannot see down in your own heart, and you begin to see things over the years and begin to believe things down in your heart and begin to believe your own lies to where you really believe that what you are saying is true. And somebody comes along and says, "Well, that's not true at all." And you say, "Boy, that's what I have always done in my life. That's what I've always heard. What do you mean it's not true?" Well... it's not true.

That's what Jesus came along and He told the Pharisees. He said, "This is not true. This is not what the intent was. The intent was this." The Pharisees said, "Well, who are you to tell us? We got all the law. We have all the religion. We got all the churches, and we got all the religion and organization. For a thousand and some years we've been studying this, and who are you to come along and tell us what is right and wrong?" Particularly since He wasn't a comely man. Particularly since He had been living with them for 30 years, 30 years. Maybe they didn't know who he was. He lived right in their midst for thirty some years, and then he finally told them I am that Messiah, that Christ that is to come. Very interesting, isn't it? Thirty some years. Then He said, "I am that One."

And Moses became the law. He brought the law. It came by him. And yet at that period of time, he lived like an Egyptian out in the world before that happened. God

does things in a way that man cannot understand, and man won't listen, because their hearts are prone to hear their own voice, out of their own thoughts, out of their own mind, out of their own mystery of lawlessness that dwells within them. Man has itchy ears to hear his own thoughts. Man has an itchy heart to hear what he wants to hear and match his own heart so that he can do his own way and call it righteous before God. That's the spirit of deceit. That's the lawlessness that is associated with it.

Today upon the earth, it's prevalent. It's in all the homes, all the churches, and probably I could say in almost all the lives upon the earth. Probably could say all. But I'll leave it open for one or two that it might not be in. The spirit of deceit is a killer, because He says if you like that spirit of deceit I'll send upon you that delusion so that you'll believe the lie of your own heart and your own thinking, and you will not know the truth. That's when it's given to you, when you ask what is the truth, Lord, what does Your Word say, what do I need to know. Lord, and God sends His Truth into you, and He sends His truth down to some of these people, and he goes, and he tells them what the truth is, and they say, "No, that's not what my church teaches, No, that's not what I learned. No, that's not what I believe. No, I can't see it. I don't understand it, so therefore, I can't believe it. And God says, they you will have to believe your delusion then and your lie. And that's the end result, of those who will be damned. That's what happens when man has crossed the barrier to say, "I already know by my own spirit of deceit, my own mind, what I believe what is right and wrong. Or the man will say, "Well, I'm just waiting for God to through it in my face. I'm gonna wait and maybe one day God will tell me." Maybe, and maybe not. He might let you die just like you are. What a terrible thing for the people to do that. But they get what they ask for, because God gives everyman a chance to accept the Truth, the love of the Truth, which is the revealing of what you are. The revealing of what is in your heart. The revealing of what is the Word of God revealed. But men don't want it.

They say, "Well God got to that place with Abraham. God said to Abraham, "I'm going to start over again. I'm going to make a people that are called My people from you. He got to Noah, and He said, "Noah, it's come to the end. I have dealt with mankind for this two thousand years, night and day. Two hundred and 56 years from the day of Adam's creation to the day of the flood. 1,956 years. If I were to take 1.956 years and add it to the 33 years of Jesus's life, I would get 1989, which is the same number of years since Christ's death to 89, as it would be from the day of Adam's creation to the day of the flood, the destruction of mankind. It's interesting. The end of the age of Mercy.

But the spirit of deceit that causes you to be deceived, to walk in deceiving, to practice deceiving,you practice deceiving yourself, you practice deceiving others, by the spirit of deceit that which works within you, and the way it works is because that you do not commit with all of your heart to God to be broken. Anytime you that reserve your own power, your own might, your own thoughts, your own ideas, the mystery of lawlessness, the spirit of deceit has a hold on you. And that desire within to fulfill your own way of life, to fulfill your own thoughts, to make your own decision, to make your own ideas, to prove your own point, to make your own justification, to argue about the Word of God and what you think is right and wrong, all of that is the practicing of deceiving from the Spirit of deceit, the working of lawlessness within your life.

The spirit of deceit is the spirit that causes you to sin, thinking that you are doing right. But that doesn't make any difference, because you are still going to be judged for the same sin. Whether you knew the right or your knew the wrong, you are still going to get judged for it. But if you knew to do right and you didn't do it, then your judgment and your punishment will be far greater. But it doesn't make any difference whether you know it or you don't. Because God requires all men to be broken and submitted to Him. And when you're broken and submitted, and have a broken heart, a broken spirit, and

contrite heart, you will not....YOU WILL NOT...make your own decisions. You will not subject yourself to that spirit of deceit. When you come to that place.

I haven't found but just one or two people that fit that category. And it has taken a lot of time for them to reach that point, even yet today. I have never seen a religious man,... I've never seen a man out in the world that will practice it. Most of them will snarf at you. Most of them will make fun. Most of them will say, "Huh, I don't know. That's not what I believe. Well, this and that." It says in Psalms 51, verse 17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. These conditions, oh God, You will not despise." These conditions, oh God, You WILL HEAR. That's the key of David. The key of David, a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. When you have that, you no longer make your decisions. You no longer say, "God this is right and this is wrong. This is what I will do and this is what I won't do." And when you break your heart and your spirit, you won't have to worry about that spirit of deceit much longer, because then you will begin to see it. He said, "Then by the brightness of His coming He will reveal to you that lawless one that's within you. And that's what I am telling you that you may see this day those that are being exercised by the spirit of Truth.... you may see this day that spirit of deceit and deceiving that's in your life that you may declare it and confess it, and repent it, and then it can be cast out so that he will no longer have a hold on you. He will no longer block your eyes and block your ears. You will no longer be under his power and domain and then you can declare the love of the Truth. You then can put the love of the truth in your heart and it will no longer sting once you get out the sin. The love of the Truth will not sting you when you have taken out the sin, when you have cast out the spirit of deceit and deceiving and declare the lie that has been upon you, the delusion that you had. And then, according to 2 Thessalonians, second chapter, you can turn from your wicked ways. You can know then that the spirit of anti-Christ, the spirit of lawlessness the spirit of deceit was upon

your heart, which was the mystery of lawless one and you can declare him, can confess him to others and to God and you can set yourself free by the Word of the Lord and by the Spirit of Truth. And the Word then you will be set free by the Truth. You will be MADE free by the Truth. The Truth is the Word of God revealed declared through your heart what really has been working through your mind and your thoughts, covering you over, deceiving you so that you wouldn't know the Truth and believing a lie. THAT is the mystery of lawlessness....began with Adam and Eve. Still the most powerful upon the earth this day will cause the loss of the human race, of those who are destined to die.