What the Bible Says About Being Deceived

Introduction: **Matthew 24.4,5** this lesson is about being deceived. Webster defines it as “the Act of being deceived.” He adds it has to do with fraud, subterfuge, trickery, chicanery, dishonesty and the intend to mislead. The Bible has a lot of say about deception. Though the word “deception” is not in the KJV, some form of it is found 126 times. Much of what is says is as a warning. Jesus warns against being deceived by others in Matthew 24.4,5. Paul warms about self deception in **1 Corinthians 3.18**. In this lesson we will notice how deception can occur.

**A) A man is deceived it he is a of the word and not a , James 1.22-25**

1. A lot of people equate knowing with doing. Knowing is essential but some times people stop short of actually doing.

2. People who know the plan of salvation, know to abstain from evil, know to help those who are less fortunate, **Matthew 7.26-27.**

**B) A man is deceived if he says he has ,**  **1 John 1.8**, **Romans 3.23.**

**C) A man is deceived if he thinks he is when he is , Galatians 6.1-3**, **1 Corinthians 10.12.**

**D) A man is deceived if he he is as**

1. Some people have too big an ego, think they are smarter than God. **1 Corinthians 3.18,19.**

2. Man has come up with things not authorized in the Bible because they think they know better than God.

**E) A man is deceived when he seems to be and does not bridle his , James 1.26;3.1-10**

**F) A man is deceived if he thinks the will not what he , Galatians 6.7-8**

1. Look at King David, he committed adultery and murder.

2. At times there is a direct correlation between our actions and suffering in this life.

3. At times we may think we have gotten by with it, but we will reap on the Day of Judgment, **2 Corinthians 5.10.**

**G) A man is deceived if he thinks the will inherit the**

1. People often try to excuse sin, redefine it, ignore it, all in the attempt to live in sin and soothe their conscience. Alternative lifestyle is one such label.

2. God is not fooled, **1 Corinthians 6.9,10.**

2. Without holiness, no man shall see God, **1 Peter 1.16.**

Conclusion: Let us be honest with ourselves and God. Admit our sins, repent, confess, be baptized.