

False Narratives and Discernment

We want things to be over. We want the darkness, the evil, the corruption to end. For some that means, Jesus coming back and making things right. Their hearts and their hope are centered on that belief in order to have some level of peace. They see the world getting worse all the time, and believe man is incapable of doing anything about it.



The devil is good at what he does. He has been doing it for centuries. He is a master deceiver. Many have been taught, including me, the end-of-the-age will be a time when evil is so rampant that Christians will hide waiting to be rescued by God. One day I started asking questions. Did Jesus really say He was the second and last Adam and that He came to restore what the first Adam lost? Did He really say He gave back to man the authority and power that was originally given to Adam in the garden? Did Jesus really say that we would do greater works than He did while on earth?

Is it possible we have been deceived into believing that the world just keeps getting worse until Jesus comes back and puts a stop to it? If that is true, why did Jesus say “it is finished” from the cross before He died? What else can He do that He didn’t do the first time? Even if you believe there is nothing you can do to stop the evil in the world because God declared it would be like this, at least ask questions. Have a conversation with God and tell Him you want to understand. Ask Him to reveal truth to you.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5 (NLT)

The devil deceives many of God’s children. He often uses false leaders to do so. The enemy will devise a false narrative that is believable and appears to the senses as totally logical. The enemy knows the Bible and often uses it inappropriately to prove his point. We are taught man is a worm and is incapable of doing anything. Man is totally dependent on God.

The truth is that man has sinned and has a sin nature. But it is also true that Jesus died and rose again so He could deal with the sin nature of man. We can crucify our carnal nature and live by our spiritual nature. Paul spends a lot of time in his letters talking about this.

Man is truly dependent upon God. We can do nothing without Him, but with Him all things are possible. When we listen to Him and obey everything He tells us to do, we can do exploits.

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False narratives always have a slice of truth in them. When we believe we are nothing and can do nothing, we sit around and wait for God to do something in our behalf. When nothing happens, they feel deceived and they lose faith in God. Others begin to realize they have been deceived. They begin to understand that through God they can do anything. The enemy will attempt to deceive again.

The enemy will tell them they now have the power to do anything, and so whatever they desire in their hearts, they can do. They don't need God anymore because they have been deceived into believing they have the power and authority and they believe they know what God would want to do. That once again is deception. We rely on plans and formulas to do what we believe is the Father's will instead of getting instructions from Him because we want His heart.

Jesus lives in us and we live in Him. We operate together. Jesus only did what He saw the Father do. He only said what He heard the Father say. We cannot operate like Jesus did until we can hear God's voice clearly and see Him. That means living close to Him every single moment of every single day. He speaks from heaven; we hear and do what He says to do in order to effect change in the earth.

Our news today is filled with false narratives with just enough truth to make them believable. Many people swallow what they hear without question. It is no different in our "churches". We believe God has installed the leaders in our "churches", so we believe they speak truth. It doesn't matter whether one is in a mainline "church", like Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran. It doesn't matter if you are in a Pentecostal, Prophetic/Apostolic, Charismatic, or Kingdom church. We are taught not to question what we are taught.



False whistleblowers come forward today hoping we will believe them and scream against some perceived atrocity in our society. When we find out they lied and we fell for it, then we no longer trust our ability to discern what is fake from what is real. That is the way false prophets also work. They get you to trust what they are saying and then when you find it is not true, not accurate, you don't trust anyone any more, including yourself to discern truth. That is the enemy's work.

Jesus warned there would be MANY false prophets. There were many, even in the early Ekklesia.

And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Matthew 24:11 (NLT)

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We too, will deal with many false apostles, prophets, teachers and brethren in our lives. They may speak an element of truth, making it difficult to know if they are true or false. It is not so much the words that they speak, but it is the spirit in which they operate. When we are operating in the discernment of spirits, our spirit detects if the spirit coming through another is connected with Holy Spirit or a different spirit.

Remember the woman who followed Paul in Acts 16 who cried out that Paul and the other men were men of the most-high God? The words were truth but the spirit from which those words came was false and demonic. The only way to detect the false is to be in close enough communications that you hear Holy Spirit when He tells you something is not right. We back away, when we do not trust our ability to hear from Holy Spirit accurately instead of running to Him, asking for help in our ability to discern.



In II Corinthians chapter 11, Paul talks about having to deal with false apostles who were deceiving God's people, as well as false brethren. In Galatians chapter 2, Paul talks about false brethren who were among them to take away their liberty and bring them into bondage. That religious spirit was very real in Paul's day and it is still very real in our day. Anywhere you find a lack of freedom, there is a religious spirit lurking somewhere. It causes a blindness, a fog over our eyes. That veil must be removed.

In Romans chapter one, Paul says as an apostle God has given him a particular grace to be an apostle. I believe that is true of all the leadership gifts given to the Ekklesia by Jesus. In this same chapter, Paul seems to indicate he has the ability to impart to others a portion of that gift of grace through the laying on of hands. A part of that impartation is the ability to see through the fog of deception and to see truth.

We must become an apostolic and prophetic people who do not fall for all the deception of the enemy but rely entirely on the Holy Spirit of God. It is true, man alone can do nothing, but man with God can do the impossible. True prophets are severely needed today. There are too many false prophets, and too many immature prophets. One of the major functions of a true prophet is to build up believers into maturity. They cannot do this if they themselves are not mature.



When we are children, and even more so teenagers, our focus is on ourselves. We tend to be self-focusing as we learn who we are. We don't want to be known anymore as so-and-so's child. We have an identity of our own. This is not a bad

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thing. It is designed by God and a part of maturity. But it wasn't meant to last forever, only for a short time.

When we are fully mature, we are no longer self-serving. We are interested in the world around us and how we can contribute to our communities to make them better. We have families and we put more value on the lives of our children than on our own. Only in the body of Christ do we have 40-year-old teenagers who refuse to grow up. The body of Christ will never mature until the five leadership gifts given by Jesus to the Ekklesia, mature, especially the prophets and apostles.

Jesus is building a building called the Ekklesia. He is establishing an organization that is not orchestrated by man and not an organization defined by man. Prophets should clearly hear the Lord and have a life of obedience. Their first and foremost purpose is to equip the saints to hear and obey God for themselves. They should not be creating a group of people who are dependent upon them.

Jesus is not building a house using prophets and apostles to help lay the foundation by having them give cookie cutter prophecies. He is not laying a foundation by having his prophets fight over who was the first one to predict something. It is time to grow up and "come out of Babylon". He is building a house called the Ekklesia so they can advance the Kingdom of God in the earth and fulfil the original mandate given to the original Adam. This is what prophets and apostles should be doing.

Prophets (as well as apostles) should understand the throne of God where He reigns in righteousness and justice. Righteousness is not holiness as some think. It is having the mind of Christ in order to determine what is right in any situation according to the Father heart of God. Justice is doing what it takes to bring a wrong situation into rightness with God. Judgment is the result of justice, but judgment can be and often is mercy.

When prophets speak by the Spirit of God, they are portraying what is in the heart of the Father. He wants us to know what is wrong, but He also wants the situation corrected. How are we going to know what it is He wants to do in the situation if we cannot hear God? Everybody's part is different. You need to hear God for yourself, what if anything He is calling you to do. Some it may be prayer, some it may be running for office, some it may be doing something totally different. God is destroying our methods and strategies.

Many prophets are seers, and that means they see. What do they see? Things going on in the spirit world. Sometimes they talk about what they see without having an understanding of what it means. I am convinced a lot of times they are seeing what the devil wants to do, not what God wants to do. The devil likes to brag about what he is doing, and we often times see and hear the devil's plan through the media. Instead, if we see what the devil wants to do, then we should immediately seek the heart of God for what He wants and how He wants to combat it.

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus gave us the authority and the tools to follow in His footsteps to also destroy the works of the devil. We just need to know what those works are and how

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God wants us to use the tools He gave us to do it. We can do nothing without Him, but with Him every work of the enemy can be destroyed.

The prophets should be showing us the way. They should be showing us how to mature in hearing the voice of God and obeying. They should be showing us how to see into the spirit realm and discern the Father heart of God and what He wants us to do to combat evil. They should be showing and telling us how to advance the kingdom of God in the earth.

In the Old Testament, Haggai the prophet stirred the people to come together again and rebuilt the temple on the neglected foundation. Apostles receive blueprints and strategies from heaven, prophets stir the people to build. Jesus is building the Ekklesia. We are not building it, because the house of the Ekklesia is us. The mature Ekklesia are the children of God who know the Father's heart and they are building or establishing their families, their communities, their states, their nations for God. They are advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. They are fulfilling the original mandate from God given to man in the Garden of Eden.



Be careful who you allow to speak into your life. Learn to hear the voice of the Savior, the King of kings and Lord of lords, so another you do not follow. We have an inheritance to inherit. We have a purpose and it is not sitting around waiting to escape the evil of this world. For those who are controlling and limiting God's people, I declare the Lord says "Let My people go so they can serve ME". To those caught in the systems of the world, God says to you, "Come out of Babylon". The Father heart of God is calling to you. Will you hear Him and obey?

