THE Ds OF SATAN: DECEPTION

In the scriptures, it is conspicuously revealed that we have an adversary the devil, who does not want anything good for us. He roams about looking for whom to devour. He opposes everything that is of God. He is the father of lies and deception. He is a looser and he has been ordained to failure and doom. Despite he is a looser, we are warned not to be ignorant of the devices of the devil and that we should not give him a room. We are also encouraged to put on the whole amour of God and stand against the wiles of the devil.

This implies that the adversary operates by employing deceitful devices and wiles. Despite his wiles and devices, we have someone who foils all his moves and that is the Holy Spirit.

Let us look into some devices that the adversary uses, so that you will not allow him to stop you or talk to you out of your victory. These devices are THE D’S OF SATAN

1) DECEPTION
2) DELAY
3) DISCOURAGEMENT
4) DENIAL

1. DECEPTION

One of the greatest weapons of the devil is deception; it is through the act of the deception that he was introduced in the book of Genesis. In the closing book of the bible he is categorically called the deceiver of nations. Rev 12:9; 20:3

Deception is the most wicked thing that can ever happen to a man. It thrives where truth is absence and prevails in ignorance. It blinds a man to his errors, empowering him to believe and live in lies. The aim of deception is to lead the victim;

i. Into self destruction
ii. In such a way that his assets will be stolen
iii. Into oppression and bondage.

WHAT IS DECEPTION?

It is a deliberate act of causing someone to believe something false or give a mistaken impression.
DECEPTION IN OPERATION

For deception to operate the deceiver always pretends that he has the interest of the victim at heart; he sways the heart of the victim away from those who genuinely love him. He makes him to despise the truth or things that will prevent him from been deceived. The deceiver then presents himself as the only helper to save the situation only to prey on the unsuspecting man.

WHAT MAKES DECEPTION SUCCESSFUL?

Dan 11:32

THOSE WHO DO WICKEDLY AGAINST THE COVENANT HE SHALL CORRUPT WITH FLATTERY; BUT THOSE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL BE STRONG AND CARRY OUT GREAT EXPLOITS.

From this scripture we read, deception can never have been possible if people do not despise the covenant. Let us remember that the bible is the revelation of the covenant. To despise the covenant is to despise the revelation given in the bible. When this is done one is setting himself up for deception.

ANTIDOTE FOR DECEPTION

The antidote for deception is to know God. We know God through the revelation of the Bible. When we begin to attend to the word of God’s teaching and meditating in it in order to do them. You are actually fool-proofing yourself against the deception of the adversary.

KNOWING GOD IS KNOWING

1) What He revealed Himself to be
2) What He will do and not do for you.
3) What He has accomplish for you in Christ.
4) What He spoke concerning your life
5) Who He said you are in Christ Jesus.
When you know these things, hold on to them strongly and do not trade them for the lies of the devil. Always know for sure that there is no other way better than God’s way which you have chosen, do not look for any other better way or wisdom. Do not despise what you have in Christ. You are on the winning and victorious side. Delay is not denial; your victory is on the way, do not give it up. Your test will turn into testimonies if you do not give up. You are on the right track with Jesus.

**EXAMPLES OF DECEPTION**

Adam and Eve.  *Gen 3:1-24*

**TRUTH LEARNED.**

1) The deceiver is cunning verse 1.

2) The deceiver preys on people who are not established in the truth verses 1b-3.

3) He works against the truth verse 4; ‘you will not surely die’.

4) He offers a bait as a reward, verse 5; ‘your eyes will be opened and you will be like God’.

5) They had a false sense of accomplishment freedom and satisfaction after yielding to the deception, verses 6-7; ‘their eyes were opened and they began to know what they should not know’.

6) Later their action led them into bondage and they became fugitive, verse 8; ‘they hid from the presence of God instead of running to the presence of God’.

7) When confronted with the truth, they blamed other people for their responsibilities; verses 11-12 ‘the woman you gave to me, accusing God instead of confessing to God’.

8) They lost all they had on the long run, verses 10&24; ‘they were naked and driven out of Eden’.

9) They entered into a lifestyle of pain, sickness, poverty, strife, and oppression; verse 14-19.

10) They ended up to be slaves of Satan instead of master of Satan,

Having gone through this, see to it that you are not deceived. You are closer than when you started out. Do not be talked out of your destiny and inheritance. It is purchased by the precious blood of Jesus. Go for it in Jesus name, your tests are testimonies in the making. He who began the good work in you is faithful to complete it, do not give up.