

The Three Eternal Destinies #103 *Deception*

Jms 1:16 — Satan deceives, leads astray from the everlasting covenant to the second death penalty. He led Eve astray into the first death penalty (Gen 2:9,17; Heb 9:27). Now his goal is to lead the whole world astray to accept the false Messiah who opposes the truth (2 Ths 2:1-12). Jms 1:14-16 says that temptations go along with a man's own desires. In Rev 20:3 the word *deceives* is #4105. In Rev 20:8, #4105 means Satan deceived the nations before the millennium, and after.

#4105 — Deceive means to seduce those who are vulnerable, to be out of the way, to lead them astray. It means to stray from the course set for them by conscience, and to cause to roam from safety, truth, and virtue through fraudulence (Gen 4:7). This was the evil one's strategy to lead them away from the anointing and into delusion and error, as Rev 18 reveals what happened to the first church as it became the great harlot of the Babylonish nature and system (2 Cor 11:2-4,13-15; Acts 20:28-30; 2 Tim 2:26-3:5). They were deceived through an erratic teacher, a wandering guide, an impostor, a mis-leader, a deceiver, seducing, deceiving and being deceived, resulting after 1800 years (Rev 18:2).

The very day one turns his children over to the kindergarten and then to the first grade, he turns them over to the first grade of their degradation from the right course. Then there are greater and greater steps of degradation, up to twelve grades of deception, plus gaining degrees and so-called elevation, becoming masters of deceit themselves, even doctors. They gain *doctor's degrees* — one holding university's highest degree of being deceived, so that they can deceive others (2 Tim 3:13). To doctor is to mis-represent, pervert, tamper with, it is treatment in deception (2 Pet 2:3,19; 2 Tim 3:13). Satan can't make or force anyone, except they give him their will to do so.

Can you imagine even the term or title, *Doctor of Divinity*, which is or has become an unmitigated evil in deception of the masses. Or Dr. Billy Graham, the *epitome*, almost equal to the title *the Pope*, and the other titles attributed to the Pope.

The Word *Deceive*

The word *deceive* means deception by craftiness, cunning, dissimulation (the practice of deceit), duplicity, fraud, guile, imposition, artifice, stratagem. Strategy means overall plan, his approach or grand design, his plot and scheme, his art of war. Subterfuge means lying excuse to evade something, devious, evasive, excuse, to be ambiguous. Counterfeit (2 Cor 11:15) is to beguile, ensnare, entrap (2 Tim 2:26).

But *remember* Gen 4:7 — sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you, but you must *master* it. In Eph 6:11, *wiles* (schemes in NAS) is #3180. The only hope for us is to obey Eph 6:10-18. Wiles, #3180, is a method which Satan follows in his own cunning nature he pursues an orderly and technical procedure ("crouches") in the handling of his subjects. Eph 4:14, 6:11 — He (the evil one) goes systematically to work to pursue his goal, methodically and according to his rules.

Artificial method, or wiles, craftiness, in Eph 4:14. #3834 there is trickery by sophistry (craftiness in the NAS), cunning, craftiness, subtlety. Our only hope is praying always according to Mt 6:9-15. 2 Cor 11:2-4, 13-15; 2 Tim 2:26 - 3:5; Acts 20:30 — Who here is not obeying Eph 6:11-18 and is not a deceiver or being deceived? Sin can be resisted if one wants to *live* and be *accepted* (Rom 1:32; 2:5-8).

Since Satan led Eve (and Adam chose to follow Eve) into the First Death, he now is bent on leading the *whole world* of Adam's seed into the Second Death by his *cunning*. Since mankind has been endowed with the very likeness of God in the knowledge of good and evil mankind has no excuse (Rom 1:20) and is worthy of the second death. This is the eternal destiny one *deserves* for going against his conscience. So, first Satan's determined plan was to entrap man into a *first death sentence*, then by his trickery and *deception* get man to go *against his conscience*. This is what happened in Gen 3:22, to do the things as Rom 1:18 - 2:16 says is not fitting for man to do who is endowed with this superlative knowledge of God.