

Sermon

A powerful delusion

2 Thessalonians 2:11

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Definition Delusion: ¹The act of deluding; deception; a misleading of the mind. We are all liable to the delusions of artifice (trickery). ²False representation; illusion; error or mistake proceeding from false views.

What: 2Thess 2: 11 A Powerful Delusion sent by God to people who knew the truth, but refused to believe the truth

Why: ¹⁰They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie believing lies is the other side of denying the truth.

Rebellion Faulty Reason:

1. Denial of what is.
2. illogical failure of reason is an insult to the very nature of God,
3. God has made it plain to them.
4. Creation God’s Invisible Qualities-Eternal Power and Divine nature clearly seen and understood without excuse.
5. **1 Samuel 16:14** Example: ¹⁴Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

Benediction:

Destiny Has A Stalker: Delusion, Denial and Deception -

2 Thess 2:13-16 ¹⁵With all these things in mind, dear brothers, **stand firm** and keep a **strong grip on the truth** that we taught you in our letters and during the time we were with you. 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting comfort and encouragement and the good [well-founded] hope [of salvation] by His grace, **17 comfort and encourage and strengthen your hearts [keeping them steadfast and on course]** in every good work and word.

When I called you didn't answer

Isaiah 65:12 12 I will destine you for the sword, and all of you will fall in the slaughter; for I called but you did not answer, I spoke but you did not listen. You did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me."

Delusional Examples

1. **Eve: (Genesis 3:1 the fall)** Crafty serpent you won't surely die Thinking she could eat forbidden fruit to be like God.

a. **Delusional Impulses: Uncontrollable urges:** Eyeing fruit for a long time, like some us on a dime budget but eyeing Michael Kors, Gucci, Louie Vitton brands..Why to keep up with the Jones..You will go broke keeping up with the Jones these days. See, Long time ago the Jones got something new once every 10-15 years. Now, something new is coming out every year. Wondering how you going to pay your bills....the bible says, you love to wander.....

b. **Wander: Love to wander: Jeremiah 14:10 (ESV)**

“They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.”

2. **Cain: (Genesis 4:6-7) Envy..** Thinking He could give God less of His best and became envious. FIX YOUR FACE, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you **MUST RULE** over it.”

3. **Amnon and Jonadab: 2 Samuel 13:1-22** Scheme to Rape Amnon's half-s Tamar with no consequences: He died by the hands of Absalom, Tamar's real brother who waited in the cut for a couple of years to catch him off guard.

4. **Wicked Servant: Matt 23:48**

God calls the servant Wicked who thinks He has time because God is staying away a long time so he continues to hang out scheming, getting high, etc. End hell

Scripture Lesson Romans

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

Romans 1:18-32 **18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. **21** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. **24** Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **25** They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. **26** Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. **27** In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. **28** Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. **29** They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, **30** slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; **31** they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. **32** Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.