

BELIEVE GOD, NOT THE DECEIVER | ESSENTIAL, PART 4

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WHO AM I GOING TO BELIEVE?

Genesis 3:4-5 (ESV) ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

John 8:44-45 (ESV) ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Revelation 12:9 (ESV) ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

THREE TRUTHS FROM GOD

1. YOU ARE LOVED BY GOD

Romans 5:8 (ESV) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2. GOD’S WAY IS BETTER | JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

Deuteronomy 11:13-17 (ESV)

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. GOD IS IN CONTROL

Colossians 1:15-17 (ESV), Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

THREE LIES OF FROM THE DECEIVER

Matthew 4:1-2 (ESV) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (ESV) ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 4:3-4 (ESV) ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

1. DO WHAT FEELS RIGHT | PHYSICAL DECEPTION

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV), Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)

Matthew 4:5-7 (ESV) ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “ ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

2. QUESTION GOD’S LOVE | EMOTIONAL DECEPTION

Matthew 4:8-10 (ESV) ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”

3. TAKE CONTROL | SPIRITUAL DECEPTION

Matthew 4:11 (ESV) Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

“Faith is the refusal to panic.” – Martin Lloyd Jones

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