

TOPIC: What You Must Discern

The following is a discussion about several things that I need to speak with you about. It's not an exhaustive list of things, but things that are top of mind that we should emphasize. I admit some of it will sound strange to you, but nevertheless, it's best to prepare for a Biblical Worldview rather than let the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and the World System dictate what you are to believe. So, let's get started!

Meeting other Believers

Heads-up, it does happen that sometimes you can "sense" that another person you meet is a Christ follower...it's happened to me and others I know. If that happens to you, however, pray before revealing more of yourself and listen to the Holy Spirit giving you an impression of permission or caution. If you're not **PEACEFUL**, it is likely that the Holy Spirit is telling you that something's not right and not to open up any further. You must rely on the Holy Spirit for a prompting as you walk through these very difficult and stressful days. It is very dangerous now, and many false believers act almost like "wolves among the sheep". It is not inconceivable that they may be paid to betray you—almost like getting a bounty. Don't be fooled into trusting people that "sound like they're a Christian" too soon until you know more about them. Look for evidence of a strong belief in Jesus Christ that is proven—if it is at all possible to do so. For the record, if that person has the Mark of the Beast you should avoid that person entirely. They are not of God but have given their lives over to Satan. **BEWARE!**

One reason why you must develop this discipline is because IF another person you meet is a believer and the Holy Spirit is giving you a sense of kinship, and that person is in a very bad state—like they haven't eaten for some time, you will want to give and share what you can for a fellow believer. Loving others and sharing what you have is a strong mandate from the Lord and because of that...be aware that under the right circumstances, it should be a **joy to do so**. Pray over food and meals...hold hands in unity if you can do so safely. We expect that it won't be long before food supplies are highly sought after because resisting the Mark will mean you can't just run down to the grocery store anymore. Do you best to pray to the Lord for **miraculous provisions**...not in abundance so you can hoard—but, enough for the day at hand for the people you are preparing food for. He is our provider in all of life and we expect to eventually hear YOUR TESTIMONIES of how the Lord dispatched His angels and perhaps other believers to help you at just the right time.

Even though the Tribulation is a terrible time of God's wrath and judgement upon an unbelieving world, there should be moments of mercy and provision. And if you are hungry, possibly even starving, don't think that God doesn't know and care for you...because He does, Friend! Or don't think that if you are starving that you are not saved and begin to doubt your salvation. I'm very sorry, but the truth is: it's just more likely that there are very severe hardships that will affect the entire world at the same time—the **saved and the unsaved alike**. Be resolved to push through in **FAITH THAT OVERCOMES!** So, if you pray hard and you don't see food provisions and people are literally starving, worship Him and give Him praise anyway. Your suffering and death will bring you to glory in His presence very soon. You will suffer but a moment, but your joy will last for the rest of all time. Never, under any circumstances, shake your fist at God and blame Him for your circumstances. Humbly remember that you bear responsibility and chose not to be saved (born-again) so as to be Raptured. Always know that He loves you and has a place for you in heaven! We know this because John 14:3 says: **"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, [there] you may be also."** So, be comforted and joyful and peaceful to the best of your ability...and in all circumstances worship Him whom has shown such great mercy to you—giving you a second chance at salvation—and an eternal future with Him!

The Great Deception

This is going to be a difficult discussion. But we cannot avert our eyes from the warning that speaks about a "deception" of such great magnitude that it might even lead strong Christ Followers astray. Let's begin discussing this. In Matthew 24:24 it says: **"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, SO AS TO MISLEAD, if possible, even the elect."** Here, we are not talking solely about the Antichrist and the False Prophet, but there are many other sources of deception. People that impersonate Jesus Christ...maybe even calling themselves Jesus reincarnated, or Jesus the chosen one, or possessed by the Spirit of Jesus. The endless variations to the perversions you will hear is designed for one purpose: to **mislead and deceive you and distract you from the TRUE JESUS CHRIST. THE JESUS FROM THE BIBLE**. There is only ONE, He was born 2,000 years ago, discipled twelve men, died a horrible death to make a way for salvation for you and me, and ascended to Heaven. And that is where He is right now! The Bible says so

in 1 Peter 3:21: “...**who is at the right hand of God**, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.” So, if anyone claims to be Christ then YOU AUTOMATICALLY KNOW that it is a **false Christ**.

Furthermore, if anyone in your sphere of influence begins to succumb to listening to, or following, or abandoning the REAL JESUS in order to follow one of these, rebuke them in love, correct them immediately, and snap them out of the deception if you can. It **IS** attractive and appealing to have a flesh and blood “JESUS” walking around claiming to be the Messiah and showing many counterfeit signs and wonders, but the spirit behind that person is from Satan himself. Initially, the Antichrist will appear to be a form of Christ and Messiah perhaps, but he is not...and he will lead many to their destruction. **YOU ARE WARNED**. And if they don’t heed your warning to them, you must protect yourself further and distance yourself from them. Like...immediately! The problem is, they may turn you in or betray you...so you must pray about and discern such matters very carefully. Be wise!

There are also false prophets. You might ask what this means and so we need to discuss this now. To me, it is easier to dismiss a false Christ than it is a false prophet. Borrowing from Got Questions on this subject, it says: “A false prophet is a person who spreads false teachings or messages while claiming to speak the Word of God. In the Bible, false prophets also spoke on behalf of false gods. False prophets functioned in their prophetic role illegitimately or for the purpose of deception. The Bible denounces false prophets for leading people astray.” **That is a very good description**. What’s going to be extremely deceptive is the satanic power behind false prophets. We’ve discussed the role of the false prophet in the previous segment for the “The Mark of the Beast”. But make no mistake, it is the spirit behind these false prophets that reveal what the true agenda is: **TO KILL, STEAL, AND DESTROY**. *What makes false prophets extremely dangerous is the counterfeit “evidence” they project that attempts to sway the opinion of others and to convince people that they “act on behalf of God”*. Get this: the miracles themselves are so stunning that they will overpower those that cannot stand on the authority and truth of the Word of God. Weak people, compromised people, people that are looking for something to believe in, people that are seeking the “experience” of God without repentance and becoming born-again, people that want reassurance that everything will be okay...**IF YOU FOLLOW THEM**. In other words, follow the false Christ they are pointing to, and ultimately to follow deceiving spirits and demons and ultimately: Satan himself.

Additionally, it is extremely dangerous to hear half-truths, or truths intermixed with false doctrine...enough for a shallow sniff test to “discern” that it sounds right “enough” to follow that teaching or person. **BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL** with such matters. We already see plenty of false Christs and false prophets today to know that they exert immense control over many peoples. And that’s this side of the Rapture. *When the restrainer in us is removed, there will be a tsunami of demonically inspired deviation from the truth that has only one agenda: to distract, deflect, deceive you from the TRUTH of the WORD OF GOD and the SAVING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST*.

Fortunately, we are instructed in the Word of God as to how to defend against false Christs and false prophets in 1 John 4:1-6 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” ² **By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;** ³ and every spirit that does **NOT CONFESS** Jesus is not from God; this is the [spirit] of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.”

And incidentally, look at how this passage continues! It speaks as to our position in Christ and our reassurance that we belong to God. It goes on: “⁴ **You are from God**, little children, and have overcome them; because **greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world**.” ⁵ They are from the world; therefore, they speak [as] from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ **We {the Apostles} are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**” The promise that: “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” has been a comfort, reassurance, and anchor for hundreds of years. Memorize this verse!

One of the best ways to test the spirits if you are unable to hear their response to the question: “do they confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh” is this nugget of wisdom from Acts 17:11 “Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, **EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY** to see whether these things were so.” And so, this is within YOUR POWER to discern: is what that teacher / prophet / pastor / religion asserts **EXACTLY EQUALS what is written in the WORD OF GOD**? If the answer is **YES** it aligns, then proceed

with caution. Always have your eyes fully open for statements, signs and wonders, other evidences, and misleading proofs that contradict Biblical doctrine and worldview. If the answer is **NO**, you must immediately cut off that influence and avert your eyes—it is doubly dangerous for you to entertain such influencers if there is already evidence of a disconnect from the Word of God. Why? Well, it's because these half-truths mixed with false doctrines are what counterfeits, misdirects, confuses, and therefore deceives many from a true Biblical Worldview. These lies will lead people to destruction. Be warned friends for such as these.

From 1 Timothy 4:1 it says: "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons." So, here we've been given the prediction that has already caught so many people off guard and led them astray. Listen, this is happening **EVEN** on this side of the Rapture! **IT WILL GET MUCH WORSE**. You might ask yourself why are so many paying attention to these deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons? Here is a parallel and related warning found in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their **own desires**, and will turn away their ears **from the truth** and will turn aside to myths." Ears tickled and own desires, means they want to pursue their independent path from God and seek to entertain their sinful lifestyle and condition. They don't love the TRUTH and they don't want to REPENT so that they are forced to acknowledge their NEED FOR CHRIST. They are struggling to put aside the things of this world for our Glorious future in Heaven followed by the 1,000-year long Millennium and ultimately, our Eternal state in the New Jerusalem and the New Earth. They want to be in control of their own life and will not bend a knee to submit to Christ. Think of the PRIDE and lack of willingness to see things as they really are. People like this will insist that they are okay and don't need Christ because they are **their own source of truth**. And how dare you challenge that! Unfortunately, they are strongly deluded, because they will likely reflexively bend that knee after the Second Coming of Christ and before the Great White Throne Judgement. **MAKE NO MISTAKE**—they will see His glory, but for them, by then, it is too late to repent. They will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity. You do not want to go there, Friend.

And finally, it says in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 "Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction," The man of destruction and lawlessness is the Antichrist himself. Dear Brothers and Sisters, we—on this side of the Rapture—were never going to see the Antichrist revealed because the Holy Spirit **IN US** ... as the Body of Christ, in the Church Age and Age of Grace ... we were still present in the World to resist and oppose the evil that was coming. *But we are now gone, and you are not going to escape this evil.* Those that become Christ Followers after the Rapture, known as the Tribulation Saints, will experience the Earth with **no further restraining force**. I'm sorry to say this, but you will experience the FULL BRUNT of the Evil that is opposed to the Jewish people, to Israel as a Nation, and to Christ in these days. And heads-up, let me clarify something before I go on: initially, the Antichrist will appear to be the best friend and supporter that Israel has ever known—so much so that they will literally believe that **he is the Messiah!** But they are wrong. It is another clever deception thinly veiled until he commits the abomination of desolation halfway through the 7-year Tribulation period, where he will declare that he is god (little g-god). As he does this blasphemous act, a second Jewish holocaust will occur in Jerusalem that will make the first holocaust during World War II look like just a blip on the radar. The Bible predicts that **two-thirds of the Jews will be killed**. The rest will flee (Revelation 12:6). Most Bible Prophecy scholars believe they will flee to Petra, located in Jordan. There, they will be WELL DEFENDED and the LORD Himself will protect them. It is these remnant Jews that will say: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:39). It is this profession of faith in Jesus that finally triggers the second coming of Jesus Christ! **National Salvation** has come to the Jewish people, at last!

So, you must get your head around all of this! Bravely and resolutely face it without compromise. It will be difficult. Although it is true that some people survive the 21 Judgements from the Lord and make it all the way through the 7-years of the Tribulation, **YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AMONG THESE**. You must face the Tribulation **head-on** and rest in the assurance of your ultimate Salvation, that your redemption is secure **in Christ**, and your citizenship—which is not of this Earth, is reserved for you in Heaven...with Jesus, never to be separated from Him again for all eternity. This is a wonderful promise!

The “Light” or “Illumination”

The Apostle Paul strongly speaks warning about those that pretend, impersonate, or counterfeit the TRUE light of the World: which is the **Word of God** and our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. Listen to Paul as he makes this perfectly clear in 2 Corinthians 11:12-15 “But what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. 13 **For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.** 14 **No wonder, FOR EVEN SATAN DISGUISES HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.** 15 **Therefore it is not surprising if his servants ALSO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, whose end will be according to their deeds.”**

You must likewise understand that anyone that talks in the language of “light” or “enlightenment” or “awakening” or “transcendence” or any other parallel expression is almost assuredly deceived and believes in a false religious framework. **Beware of such men and women, Brethren!** Many examples of this exist in the New Age Movement, which will most assuredly be rampant during the Tribulation. We know that there will be a One World Religion that will likely be an aggregation of all other major religions. There is an expected merging of belief systems prophesied in the Bible. The central theme will likely be “we are god or can become gods” or “we are all one” or “we must protect Mother Earth” or “we can fix our problems”. However, the reality is: this is a deception! The truth is: *We cannot fix it with our sin nature and evil intents of the heart...only the LORD can do this when He returns to establish His physical reign on the Earth during the Millennial Kingdom.* Anything that averts attention from Jesus Christ is false...run from this!

Furthermore, there is a lot of speculation that the Catholic Church may play a role—perhaps even be the lead catalyst—for ushering in an ecumenical movement that will unite “just enough from each of the religious belief systems so that people can relate to it and adopt it comfortably.” This central message of the Gospel: that there is only ONE WAY TO GOD THROUGH JESUS will be **hated, opposed, and eventually persecuted unto death**. In Acts 4:12, let’s read with total clarity and understanding: “And **THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE; FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.**” That name is Jesus. Only He is the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS! Any religious system that opposes the Lordship of Christ is false and must be opposed.

We even see this blending of faiths in what are called “inter-faith initiatives” sponsored in part by the Pope and other religious leaders. Many Bible Scholars on this side of the Rapture speculate that the Pope is acting more and more like a candidate for the role of False Prophet—who, when the restrainer is removed—will reveal the most evil man in all of history: the Antichrist. Even today, we see the Pope trying to conjoin the leaders of other faiths into a corrupted mixture of false religions with the ultimate aim of deceiving the world with a very important message: “love is love”, “we need to tolerate each other”, “just be good”, “do good”, “become a part of the One-World Church and you’ll be fine”. All these statements, in all their perverse and blasphemous expressions they will seek to lead and distract people **away** from Salvation in Jesus Christ alone and will always attempt to add “justification by works”. Truth isn’t ours to make—TRUTH IS THAT WHICH THE BIBLE DEFINES...AND IT IS ABSOLUTE. The Bible says we cannot earn our way to Heaven. Period. We must yield to the atoning work of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins so that **HIS RIGHTEOUS LIFE**—offered freely to us—is **imputed** (or credited) for our eternal benefit. That’s the only way this works. **SALVATION IS BY GRACE ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE!** It’s so simple, even a child can understand it. Friend, it’s not about US nor what we can do. It’s about Jesus and what Jesus did to make a way for us! However, we must **ACCEPT** this gift, repent, ask for forgiveness, and devote our lives completely to the LORD JESUS CHRIST to be saved.

Painfully, you may begin to realize that you will be set apart from the world system, distinct from the masses of “religious people”. And that is so true. You will be hated, reviled, and punished, up to and most likely including separation from loved ones, imprisonment, and possibly death for being “one of **those** people”. You will be called “bigot”, “racist”, “intolerant”, “narrowminded extremist”, “fundamentalist”, and much worse will be said of you. Expect it. **Brace for it. STAND STRONG WHEN THIS HAPPENS TO YOU.** People will be misled into believing that WE ARE THE PROBLEM...when in fact, it is the DEVICES OF SATAN, the enemy that opposes God, that is to blame. In many countries today, to declare your faith in Jesus is a death sentence—and a time is coming where this will be more and more normalized the further into the Tribulation you get. We, the Christ Followers, those that DO NOT BEND A KNEE to take the Mark of the Beast nor to Worship the Antichrist—we...we are the enemy that must be purged.

There will be **extreme pressure** put on you to **DENY CHRIST**. But, Friend, you can't. Look at what Jesus says in Matthew 10:34: "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven." You must rehearse how YOU WILL AFFIRM—AND NOT DENY—YOUR FAITH and belief in Jesus Christ. Because it will help you at the right time IF—or more likely WHEN, you will be asked to conform to the world religious system by denying your faith in Jesus Christ. From one point of view, this rehearsal is just like how you will prepare yourself to oppose taking the Mark of the Beast. Repeat what you will firmly declare in your head until it is resolved into total clarity and you can prevail through it: **DENY THE MARK BUT DO NOT DENY JESUS CHRIST**. Cement this deeply into your heart and mind. YOU WILL PREVAIL – do not fear – the Holy Spirit is now within you to help and to comfort you.

So, it is clear what we must do, right? Under such **WITHERING FURY** of the enemy, with the world joining together for a false "peace and safety", with everyone pointing their finger at YOU, the strong and unyielding believer in Jesus Christ...we must CLING TO JESUS AND DO NOT GIVE UP, DO NOT FALL AWAY, DO NOT VEER TO THE LEFT OR TO THE RIGHT, KEEP LOOKING INTO THE EYES OF JESUS AS YOU WALK TOWARDS HIM INTO ETERNITY. We await you in Heaven!

We are Not Alone

This next subject is hard to discuss, but I need to put something very important on the table. Many Bible Prophecy experts are quite confident that there is one very, very powerful deception that is coming. You must brace for it, because remember what Jesus said in Matthew 24:24 the false prophet "...will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, **if possible**, even the elect." If you are in Christ, you **ARE THE ELECT**! Note that it says "*if possible*" meaning that such deception is **NOT** possible for a believer. Using a metaphor of Jesus being the Sheppard and us believers being sheep that follow only His voice, John 10:1-5 explains why. It says: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. ² "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. ³ "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ "When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and **the sheep follow him because they know his voice.** ⁵ "**A STRANGER THEY SIMPLY WILL NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM, ...**" And here is an important truth: "...**BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW THE VOICE OF STRANGERS.**" Therefore, there will be discernment that Believers—those that follow and know the LORD, they will immediately sense that this is not right, that it is a trick, and will not succumb to the deception.

So, what is that deception? What will unite the world under the authority of one person that will control every aspect of government, the military, the worldwide financial system, and religious systems? What I'm sharing is speculation. But imagine this: "what would happen if in the middle of an acceptance speech by the Antichrist as he takes the reigns of this world and says from the podium: "I'd like to introduce the World to my new friends!" And coming in from the side of the stage strolls in a group of aliens that declare that **THEY ARE THE ONES THAT SEEDED LIFE ON THIS PLANET. THEY REMOVED "THE CHRISTIANS" BECAUSE THEY WERE HARMING THE WORLD AND HOLDING BACK UNITY AND PROGRESS**". The Rapture is not what explains the disappearances of hundreds of millions of people...wait for it...**THEY ARE!**

Could anyone resist a disclosure like that without being fully grounded in the Word of God and thoroughly informed as a Believer in Christ? Can you imagine some UFOs hovering overhead during the disclosure that "we are not alone" as a backdrop to this announcement? As in so many sci-fi movies of yesteryear, would this elevate and unite the world above the noise of our own flaws and problems and petty distractions to know that **WE ARE NOT ALONE**? Yes—I believe—yes, it would. It would dissolve borders, remove resistance to a one-world government, currency and religious system in a heartbeat. People will flock to join the "MOVEMENT" to transcend ("at last") into a new higher state of awareness and being. What a lie! Perhaps the ultimate lie! They will conclude: "there is no God", just transcendence as human beings and these aliens **ARE THE ONES THAT WILL HELP US GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL!**

Beloved, do NOT be deceived by such wonders. These are not Aliens. Nor are they—now listen carefully—extra-terrestrials. These are demons and they have much power and can do seemingly incredible feats. They are inter-dimensional, not extra-terrestrial. What's the difference? These aliens do not come from a star system far away, but that's what they will tell the people of the Earth. They are actually from a spiritual DIMENSION able to move in and out of our physical dimension. They can and do appear suddenly and vanish just as quickly. What looks like them entering a "UFO" and flying away at great speed is a trick designed to **FORCE YOU TO REALIZE HOW INSIGNIFICANT YOU ARE ...** to create this need to cling to our common identity and humanity. The messaging will become "**WE MUST EVOLVE**" to a

higher thinking process, a higher level of being. WE, they say, CAN BECOME GODS OURSELVES IF WE COOPERATE. These demons posing as aliens have been a long-standing deception, decades in the making, for the revealing to all mankind at JUST THE RIGHT TIME to unite the entire world under the authority of the Antichrist. It would not at all surprise me if the world witnesses these aliens kneel before the Antichrist and pledge their loyalty to him. I'm sure the entire thing will be streamed so the world can see it happen in real time.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this has been a very difficult segment. I commend you for listening, learning, being a good Berean and searching the Scriptures for yourself. You are not alone, and there are many Brothers and Sisters—now in Heaven—that wanted to give you some of their best thinking on these matters. So far, we've had some really difficult things to share with you...but it gets better...WAY BETTER in the next segment—where we will be talking about our common destiny in Christ! Prepare for some really good news!