When Jesus Christ does return, may we all "be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2nd Peter 3:14) *through His perfect righteousness.*
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THE LAST DAYS
PART FIVE

BEWARE OF LAST DAY'S DECEPTION

Take heed that no man deceive you.
Matthew 24:4, Mark 13:5, Luke 21:8

The Bewitched Galatians and the Colossian Heresy

I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ, unto another gospel, which is not another, but there are some that trouble you and would pervert the Gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:6-8 KJV

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been openly set forth, crucified among you? Galatians 3:1 KJV

So do not let anyone make rules for you about eating and drinking or about a religious feast, a New Moon Festival or a Sabbath day. These things were like a shadow of what was to come. But what is true and real has come and is found in Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you by making you humiliate yourself and worship angels. Such people enter into visions, which fill them with foolish pride because of their human way of thinking. Colossians 2:16-18 New Century Version

Deception

False Christs and false prophets will come and perform great wonders and miracles. They will try to fool even the people God has chosen, if that is possible. Now I have warned you about this before it happens. Mathew 24:24 NCV

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they

that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ but their own belly, and by good works and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the innocent. Romans 16:18-19
Let no man deceive you. Ephesians 5:6, 1st John 3:7

Our Dilemma in the Spiritual Climate of the Last Days
Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. John 7:24

For false Christs and false prophets shall rise and shall show signs and wonders to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. Mark 13:22

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. Colossians 2:8

OR

Saying, touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm. Chronicles 16:22

Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men, as brethren. 1st Timothy 5:1

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged; and with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you again. Matthew 7:1-2

Our Safeguards-Some Questions to Ask

1. **Is what is happening in the Word of God?** Revelation 22:17-18: *And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let him who heareth say, "Come." And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

2. **Does the message bring Glory to Christ?** Psalm 24:7-8: *Lift up your heads, O ye gates and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*
3. **Are Jesus and the Cross at the center or are experiences and sensational manifestations and phenomena the center?** 1st Corinthians 1:18: *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved, it is the power of God.*
4. **Is the prophetic voice humble or drawing attention to self?** 1st Peter 5:2-3 and 5-6: *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight of it, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre but being examples to the flock…In like manner, ye younger submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble.*
5. **Are angels being glorified?** Colossians 2:18: *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.* KJV *Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on self-denial. And don't let anyone say you must worship angels, even though they say they have had visions about this. These people claim to be so humble, but their sinful minds have made them proud.* New Living Translation
6. **Is there too much advertising of merchandise?** Matthew 21:13: *And* [Jesus] *said unto them,* ***"It is written, 'My house shall be called the house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves."***
7. **Do the speakers try to help the Holy Spirit and push you over?** Psalm 119:128: *Therefore, I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right, and I hate every false way.*
8. **Are you coerced or made guilty about giving?** 2nd Corinthians 9:7: *Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.* KJV *You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.*
9. **Do they pray?** 1st Thessalonians 5:17: *Pray without ceasing.*
10. **Do the speakers spend a good bit of time talking about their accomplishments?** Isaiah 64:6: *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

11. **Is there talk about sin and repentance?** Luke 15:7: ***I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons who need no repentance.***
12. **Is the music trance-inducing music?** 1st Corinthians 14:8: For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?
13. **Do you feel uncomfortable?** Isaiah 32:17: *And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*
14. **Did the speaker let the supernatural happen or did he try to make it happen?** 2nd Thessalonians 2:9-12 The Message: *The anarchist's coming is all Satan's work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, evil sleigh of hand that plays to the gallery of those who have the truth that could save them. And since they're so obsessed with evil, God rubs their nose in it-gives them what they want. Since they refuse to trust truth, they're banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions.*
15. **Is the speaker under spiritual authority?** Hebrews 13:17: *Obey them that have rule (guide) over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as them that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.* KJV *Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?*
16. **Do your spiritual authorities witness to the movement?** Proverbs 11:14: *Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.*
17. **Does the fruit remain?** *John 15:16:* ***Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit shall remain….***

"Don't depend on an experience to keep you. It is not the blessing that keeps you; it is a person, the Lord Himself. You must abide in Christ. God never meant to give us any blessing that would fix us up so we could get along without Him. We must recognize our constant need of the Lord and depend continually on Jesus."

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Quotes
from *There's a New World Coming* by David Wilkerson

The New Testament tells us that in the last days scoffer are going to appear. Jesus said these mockers will ridicule all doctrine that says Christ is returning to establish a new kingdom. If you try to explain this doctrine-that when Jesus comes again he'll set up a kingdom of eternal righteousness-you'll be called insane.

These same scoffers claim a "new world order" is indeed coming. In their thinking, a new society is just on the horizon, about to usher in an entirely new reality. There have been many New Age claims throughout history, and the latest has been quietly gaining momentum over the past three decades. Why is the world clamoring now for a new world order to be ushered in? It is because Satan knows his time is short. He knows Christ is soon to return, and he wants to keep multitudes deceived by tantalizing them with a fantasy world. The doctrine of a coming New Age is filled with every false hope, including global peace and the end of diseases. It is meant to bring doubt to God's people about the reality of Christ's coming.

A new world is indeed coming and it is dawning even now-yet it is not a New Age of any kind. *It is a world in which Christ is returning to establish his holy kingdom.* Every nation will come under the Lord's righteous rule, and every opposing force will become his footstool.

I sometimes imagine that when we get to heaven, we'll discover whole new planets-new worlds created for his glory, deep in outer space, far beyond anything our finite minds can comprehend. Even now, new technologies are helping scientists to discover entire universes we didn't know existed. Our Lord's creation extends so far beyond what we could ever imagine, it boggles the mind.

In addition, there will be countless multitudes of saints with Jesus in eternity. I think of the millions of children throughout the ages who died before their time. So many were abandoned, starved or aborted. They were carried in the arms of Jesus into paradise. I tell you, it would not be heaven without these children. And it's going to be wonderful for them there. I remember being told of a fatherless little boy who dreamed he went to

heaven and Jesus played ball with him. I believe a vision like that will be more real than we can imagine.

Here is the very heart of my message: *Through the very life God has given you now, he is training you to rule and reign with him when the new world comes.* This means every trial you face now-every slight by coworkers, every disappointment, every anguished cry to God over your lack of use-is all godly training. He has purposed it all as your preparation. The Lord is forever getting you ready for a greater role appointed to you in his eternal kingdom.

It is time for you to set your gaze on that world and not on this one. Take to heart your Lord's precious Word about his power to preserve you. He's not going to let the devil overtake you as an easy prey. Instead, he's going to empower you to put your foot on the enemy's neck; God himself will deliver you fully! That is his Word. Amen!

QUOTE TO PONDER

Belonging to the true church is not a question of whether we prophesy or speak in tongues; it does not matter what particular mode of baptism we received or how many Scripture passages we have memorized. Rather, what matters is our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Is He the Lord of our lives? Are we completely committed to Him? We prove our membership in the true church when we honor and serve the Lord, taking a stand for Him even in the face of opposition and persecution. We must put aside denominational labels and instead ask ourselves if we will be faithful to Jesus. We must resist the devil, repent of our sins, and submit to God, thereby thwarting Satan's dominion. If we love the truth, God will protect us from deception.

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