

Message: The deceitful heart

Memory verse: Jeremiah 17:9 KJV The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Genesis 6:5-6 KJV And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [6] And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

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Facts about deceit

- The answers to your prayer is dependent on what goes on in your heart or what God see in your inner most heart....hear what the scripture says in **Psalms 66:18 KJV** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me :
- The fact that someone is laughing with you does not mean they are happy with you in their heart.
- Another lie is needed to cover one
- Sadly so many hearts are with stains of blood and are laughing
- God is the only one that knows the heart of men, therefore do not put your trust in man ad seen in **Jeremiah 17:5-8 KJV** Thus saith the Lord ; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. [6] For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. [7] Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. [8] For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

In the passage below, we shall see how Cain conceived evil in his heart against his brother Abel...**Genesis 4:3-9 KJV** And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. [4] And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: [5] But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. [6] And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? [7] If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. [8] And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. [9] And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Galatians 6:3 KJV For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Characteristics of a deceitful heart. A deceitful heart is

- Lying
- Envious
- Strive
- Keeping of wrongs
- Bitter
- Angry
- Steal.....

A Deceitful heart will do all of the above. what then are the causes of deceitfulness of heart

- Wrong association
- Living a life above your means
- Wrong doctrines and messages

How to overcome the deceitfulness of heart

- Personal / self deliverance (repentance etc)
- Separation from deceitful people
- Pray against the spirit of deceit....

Prayer

1. Those fighting me from the depths of their heart but laughing with me in the open be exposed and fall into your own pit in the name of Jesus
2. Lord Jesus purge my heart from the spirit of deceit in the name of Jesus
3. Satan the lord rebuke you in my life and home in the name of Jesus
4. I refused to be a deceiver in the name of Jesus
5. Lord Jesus help me to be truthful to myself in the name of Jesus