

Message: The ministry of deception and distraction in the church

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Hymn: what can wash away my sin

Memory verse: 2 Timothy 2:21-23 KJV If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. [22] Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. [23] But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

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

Bible reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-40 KJV And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. [33] And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. [34] And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: [35] And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. [36] Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. [37] David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee. [38] And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. [39] And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. **And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.** [40] And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

Below are Some of the deceptive and distracting devices in the church

1. Enticing words of men
2. Ungodly teachings
3. Positions
4. Dressings
5. Personal ambition
6. Over sensitivity
7. Church finance
8. Church politics
9. Sin of others
10. Too much familiarity with the authority
11. Ego and lust for recognition
12. Our mouth and not minding our business as seen in **2 Samuel 6:20-23 KJV** Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! [21] And David said unto Michal, It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord. [22] And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the

maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. [23] Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

Distraction is anything preventing a believer from focusing on Jesus attention

While deception is deceiving others by claiming to be what you are not

A deceptive and distracted life can not see God

A deceptive and distracted life will always remain on the wrong track of life

A deceptive and distracted life will be cut off from under the shadow of God

A deceptive and distracted life will always be in trouble, errors etc

A deceptive and distracted life will miss heaven.....

Prayer

1. My father deliver me from the spirit of self in the name of Jesus
2. Keep me on the pathway of righteousness and holiness in the name of Jesus
3. Help me not to be distracted in your vineyard in the name of Jesus
4. Satan get thee behind me in the name of Jesus
5. Jesus Christ of Nazareth help me to always overcome temptations and the devil in the name of Jesus

Remember without Jesus in a life there is no heaven, accept Jesus Christ today as your lord and personal saviour and have you name written in the book of life