

Gospel Clarity Study Series

The Gospel and Spiritual Warfare

Session 3: Our Spiritual Enemy's Schemes

➤ **Scheme #1:** _____

- **He deceives through false** _____

“Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ.”

–Colossians 2:8

- **He deceives through false** _____

“No, but I do say that what they sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the LORD and the cup of demons. You cannot share in the Lord's table and the table of demons.”

–1 Corinthians 10:20-21

- **He deceives through false** _____

“And no wonder! For Satan disguises himself as an angle of light. So it is no great surprise if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will be according to their works.”

–2 Corinthians 11:14-15

- **He deceives through false doctrine**

“Children, it is the last hour. And as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.”

–1 John 2:18

- **He deceives through false** _____

“He presented another parable to them: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while people were sleeping, his enemy came, sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. When the plants sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also appeared. The landowner's servants came to him and said, ‘Master, didn't you so w good seed in your field? Then where did the weeds come from?’ ‘An enemy did this,’ he told them. ‘So, do you want us to go and pull them up?’ the servants asked him. ‘No,’ he said. ‘When you pull up the weeds, you might also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I'll tell the reapers: Gather the weeds first and tie them in bundles to burn them, but collect the wheat in my barn.’”

–Matthew 13:24-30

- **He deceives through false** _____

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one now restraining will do so until he is out of the way, and then the lawless one will be revealed. The Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of his mouth and will bring him to nothing at the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with all kinds of false miracles, signs, and wonders, and with every wicked deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie, so that all will be condemned—those who did not believe the truth but delighted in unrighteousness.”

–2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

- **He deceives through false** _____.

“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. And he said to him, ‘I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me.’”

–Matthew 4:8-9

- **Scheme #2:** _____

“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, ‘The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down.’”

–Revelation 12:10

“Who can bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: ‘Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

–Romans 8:33-39

- **Scheme #3:** _____

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“Be angry and do not sin. Don’t let the sun go down on your anger, and don’t give the Devil an opportunity.”

–Ephesians 4:26-27

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“Anyone you forgive, I do too. For what I have forgiven—if I have forgiven anything—it is for your benefit in the presence of Christ, so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes.”

–2 Corinthians 2:10-11

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“Vanity and spiritual pride are one of our most useful tools. If you can’t prevent spiritual growth, allow one to experience such depth he begins to feel he has arrived. Or allow him to be a part of such an enriching group of believers, they begin to look down on outsiders as those who have not arrived and are not as spiritual as they are.”

–Wormwood, The Screwtape Letters

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“When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and doesn’t understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. . . . Now the one sown among the thorns—this is one who hears the word, but the worries of this age and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”

–Matthew 13:19, 22

- **Worldliness**

“For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

–1 John 2:16

○ _____

“Ananias,’ Peter asked, ‘why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land?’”

–Acts 5:3

○ **Immorality**

“Do not deprive one another—except when you agree for a time to devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again; otherwise, Satan may tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”

–1 Corinthians 7:5

➤ **Scheme #4:** _____

○ **He sought to divide us from _____ in the Garden of Eden.**

“Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

–Genesis 3:1

○ **He sought to divide God the _____ from God the _____.**

“From then on Jesus began to point out to his disciples that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, ‘Oh no, LORD! This will never happen to you!’ Jesus turned and told Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me because you’re not thinking about God’s concerns but human concerns.’”

–Matthew 16:21-23

○ **He seeks to divide the _____.**

“Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who create divisions and obstacles contrary from the teaching that you learned. Avoid them, because such people do not serve our LORD Christ but their own appetites. They deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting with smooth talk and flattering words. The report of your obedience has reached everyone. Therefore I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise about what is good, and yet innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

–Romans 16:17-20a

○ **He seeks to divide the _____.**

“Finally, be strengthened by the LORD and by his vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.”

–Ephesians 5:10

➤ **Scheme #5: Influence**

○ _____: **a demonic spirit (or spirits) internal control and domination of a person.**

“When he had come to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him as they came out of the tombs. They were so violent that no one could pass that way.”

–Matthew 8:28

○ _____: **a demonic spirit (or spirits) external harassment of a person.**

“In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

–Ephesians 6:16

- _____: **a demonic spirit (or spirits) inhabiting areas of a person's life willfully surrendered.**

“...and do not give the devil an opportunity (or foothold).”

–Ephesians 4:27

- **Satan and demons seek to influence people—both non-Christians and Christians—in various _____ to varying _____.**