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Are You Being lied To And Ripped Off?

Ever since the Garden of Eden, Satan, the Father of Lies, has been lying to people about anything and everything and ripping them off just as he did Adam and Eve.

Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:1-13; 1 John 2:15-17

Their surrender to Satan's lies and sin produced disastrous consequences not only for them but for all people for centuries.

Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23

Jesus came to expose Satan for who he really is and restore the freedom, life and wholeness Adam and Eve lost through believing Satan's lies. Jesus came from the Father of truth and spoke nothing but the truth so we could enjoy forever the freedom of living in the truth.

1 John 3:8b – *“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.”*

John 8:27-32,42-44

You protect yourself from being lied to and ripped off when you know biblically who Satan really is and what his schemes are.

1 Peter 5:8

Satan – (Adversary) *Job 1:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 2:18*

Devil – (Slanderer) *1 Peter 5:8*

Lucifer – (son of the morning) *Isaiah 14:12*

Beelzebub – (lord of the flies) *Matthew 12:24*

Belial – (a false god) *2 Corinthians 6:15*

Evil One – *1 John 5:19*

Tempter – *1 Thessalonians 3:5*

Prince of the world – *John 12:31 NIV*

Accuser of the brethren – *Revelation 12:10*

Representations:

Serpent – *Genesis 3*

Dragon – *Revelations 12*

Angel of light – *2 Corinthians 11:14*

You keep from being ripped off by Satan's lies when you understand how deeply he has deceived the world we all live in.

He is a master counterfeiter who crafts attractive alternatives to the authentic gospel of Jesus Christ and holds people captive through false philosophies, false religions, false doctrine, false morals, false ministers and movements, and false media and music.

1 John 5:19; Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 2:8; Matthew 24:23-25

“According to the Bible, the source of all falsehood, all misguided worldviews, all counterfeit religions and philosophies, and all teachers of any belief other than faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ are instigated, inspired, and influenced by the father of lies” – Chip Ingram

Satan wants to deceive us into thinking we can live in a world saturated with deception and not be deceived and ripped off.

Unless we diligently study truth, believe truth and walk in Christ's truth we will be deceived and ripped off. That is the absolute truth!!!!

John 8:31-32; Psalm 19:8; Psalm 119:105; James 1:25; Ephesians 6:13-17

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of a time someone lied to you and ripped you off? How did you feel? What did you do? Can you think of a time you surrendered to Satan's lies and got ripped off?

2. Reread how Satan ripped Adam and Eve off. What ways does he tempt you to sin? Now look at Satan's names and schemes. How have you combatted his attempts to deceive you?

3. The best way to beat a counterfeiter is to know the real thing. Do you know the word of God? Can you discern when its being twisted out of context? How can we help each other keep from being lied to and ripped off?