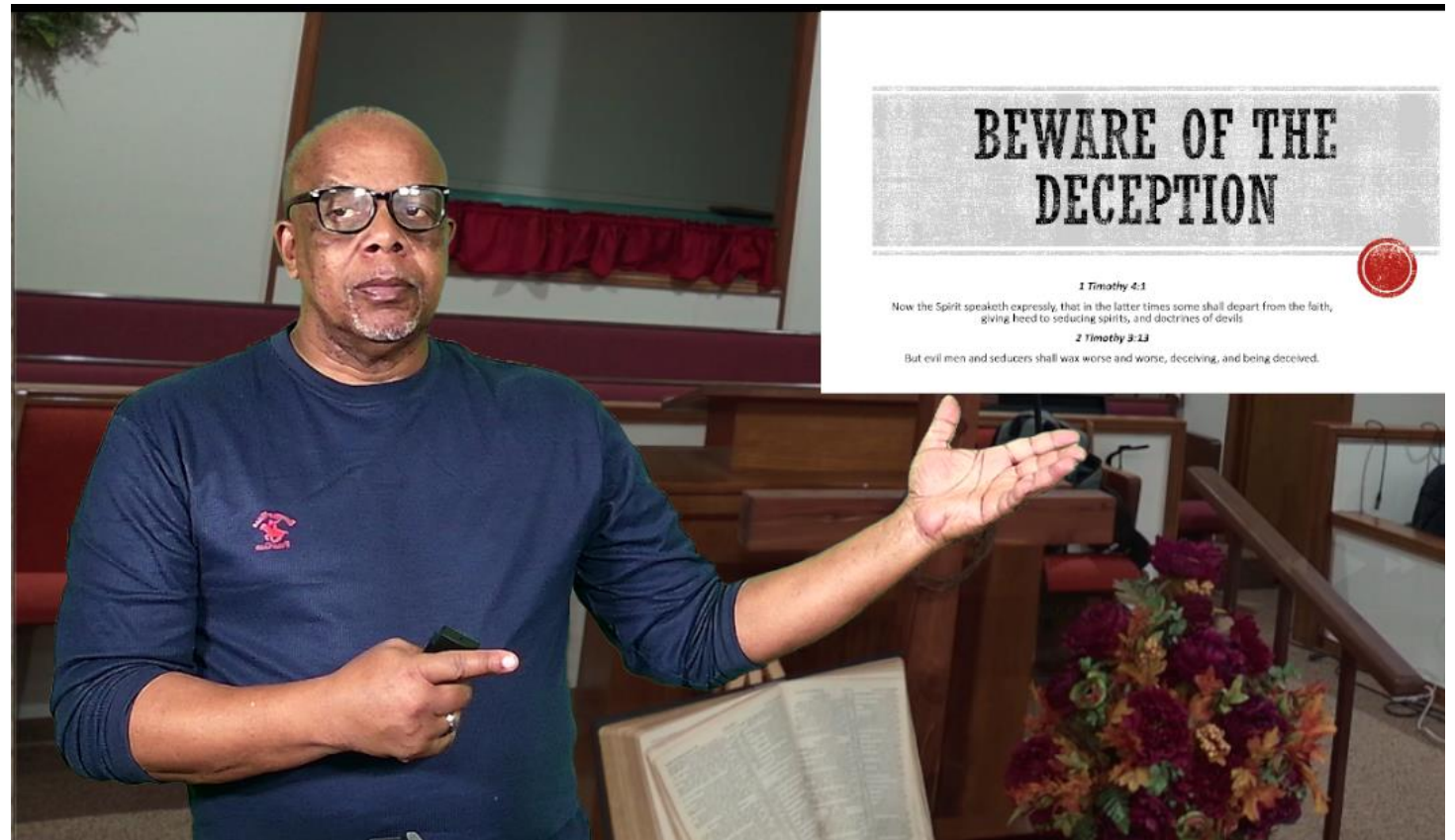


BEWARE OF THE DECEPTION

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils (**1 Timothy 4:1**)



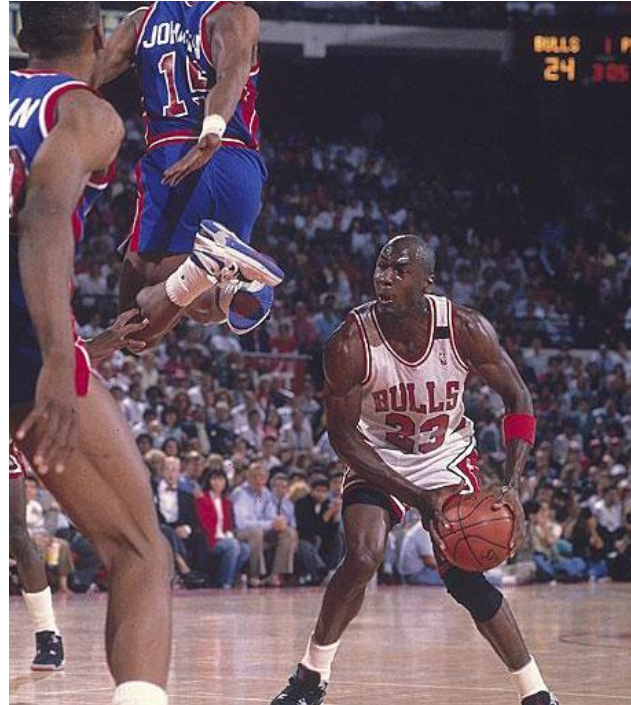
THINGS ARE NOT AS THEY APPEAR

What you see streamed to Facebook



THINGS ARE NOT AS THEY APPEAR

What happening behind the scenes



DON'T FALL FOR THE HEAD FAKE

*For there shall arise false
Christs, and false prophets,
and shall shew great signs
and wonders; insomuch that, if
it were possible, they shall
deceive the very elect
(Matthew 24:24)*



Unequipped People are Targets for Deception

“For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” [2 Timothy 3:6-7](#)



Reproductive Rights

Careerism

Sexual Orientation

Racial Inequity

... Others

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Self-Actualization Needs

- Self-aware, concerned with personal growth, less concerned with the opinions of others

Esteem Needs

- The need for appreciation and respect

Social Needs

- The need for emotional relationships (Romance, Friendship, Community)

Security and Safety Needs

- Financial Security, Health and wellness, Safety against accidents and injury

Physiological Needs

- The need for Food, Water, Shelter

Deceivers prey on Voids:

- Emotions
- Need for Safety
- Need for Security
- Need for “Community”

OLD TESTAMENT WARNINGS OF FALSE PROPHETS

- **False prophets were identified Old Testament**
 - Instructions on how to recognize them (Deuteronomy 18:1-11)
 - Warning to pastors that scatter the sheep (Jeremiah 23:1)
 - Warning to profane leaders (Jeremiah 23:11-14)
 - Prophets that lie to the people (Jeremiah 14:18)
 - Prophets that follow their own spirit (Ezekiel 13:1-10)

Old Testament Tests for False Prophets

Did they use fortune telling or divination?	Jeremiah 14:14; Ezekiel 12:24; Micah 3:7
Have short-term prophecies been fulfilled?	Deuteronomy 18:22
Do the prophets only say what pleased the people?	Jeremiah 8:11; 14:13; 23:17; Ezekiel 13:10; Micah 3:5
Do the prophet draw people away from God?	Deuteronomy 13:1-3
What is the prophet's moral character?	Jeremiah 8:10; 14:14; 23:14; Isaiah 28:7
Do other Spirit-led people discern authenticity in the prophet?	1 Kings 22:7

NEW TESTAMENT WARNINGS OF FALSE PROPHETS

- Be aware of wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15)
- End time deception (Matthew 24:5; 24:11-13; 24:23-27; Mark 13:22-23)
- Spoiled through vain philosophy and deceit (Colossians 2:8)
- Teachers without understanding (1 Timothy 1:3-7)
- Seducing spirits and demonic doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1-3)
- Merchandising the Gospel for gain (2 Peter 2)
- Engaging in foolish discussions (2 Timothy 2:16-18)
- Ignoring Sound Doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4)
- There are many antichrists (1 John 2:18-19)
- Do not believe every spirit (1 John 4:1-3)
- Recognizing deceivers (2 John 1:7-11)
- Distorting the grace of God (Jude 1:3-4)



Protection Against the Deception

Hold to the Simplicity of the Gospel

- The **Birth – Life – Death – Resurrection - And Return** Of Jesus Christ!
- But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3)

Become skilled in Applying the Word of God

- “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Tim 3:16)
- “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine” (2 Tim 4:2)
- “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim 2:15)

DANGEROUS DOCTRINES TO BE AWARE OF

- **The Doctrine of Prosperity / Sowing a Seed** - The focus of the prosperity gospel is more about how a person can use God to his/her own advantage for money, rather than how the individual can be humbly used by God whether he/she is rich or poor.
- **Word of Faith** - Teaching that faith is a “*force*” which can be used to get or achieve whatever you desire.
- **Spiritual Covering** - Teaches that your leader, your pastor, your prophet or your apostle is a human “spiritual covering” over your life or the personal affairs of your life.
- Without your human spiritual covering, whatever you do will not be blessed by God unless it has the endorsement of your particular human spiritual covering.

DANGEROUS DOCTRINES TO BE AWARE OF

- **Hyper-Grace** - The false belief that because God's grace exists, then there are no moral laws which God expects Christians to obey.
- The belief is that a Christian can willfully and rebelliously live a lifestyle of lying, cheating, sexual immorality and all sorts of sins, and still call him/herself a "Christian".
- **Social Gospel/Social Justice** – The focus is social issues (poverty, racism, wealth redistribution, world peace) than eternal salvation of our souls
- **Gnosticism** - Gnostic Christians claimed to have access to 'secret knowledge' about the nature of the universe, the nature of Christ, and what his appearance on earth meant to believers.