

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TRUTH & LIES

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PART 2: BLINDED BY GOD

In the previous sermon I introduced God's spiritual law of deception. Since this is a foreign concept to most people, including Christians I want to go through it one more time to make sure that you will understand this law of God that is as real as the law of gravity.

SPIRITUAL LAW OF DECEPTION

God has created a spiritual law that when people refuse to believe him and turn to lies, He will send delusion so strong that they will defend the lies with their lives, completely unable to know the truth. **Deuteronomy 29:4; Isaiah 6:9-10; 29:10**

Jesus confirmed this spiritual law is a reality and should be taken seriously. **Matthew 13:13-15**

The apostle Paul warned that in the end times, God will send strong delusion to those who refuse to accept the truth as revealed by the Holy Spirit. **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

Jesus warned the disciples that people would be offended to the point that they would betray and hate one another during the end times. **Matthew 24:9-10**

KING DAVID

King David lived in the permissive will of God by having multiple wives. When Adam and Eve were created, God intended for marriage to be between exclusively between one man and one woman. **Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:3-8**

King David had many wives; Michal, the daughter of King Saul and six women (Ahinoam, Abigail, Maachah, Haggith, Abital, Eglah) he married while he lived in Hebron. When he left Hebron and was made king of Israel in Jerusalem, he added Bathsheba as a wife, plus other women. In addition he had 10 concubines whose only purpose was to gratify him sexually. **1 Samuel 18:20-27; 2 Samuel 5:13-16; 1 Chronicles 3:1-6**

His wives produced 19 sons and one daughter but the Bible doesn't say how many children were produced with the concubines.

The family of King David was a dysfunctional family with his many wives jockeying for power to see whose son would be the king after David.

RAPE AND MURDER

David had one daughter Tamar with Maachah. Her half-brother Annon lusted after her, and through deception, he was able to get her into his private bedroom and rape her. **2 Samuel 13:2-16**

Absalom was her brother, and when he found out what Annon had done, he plotted to murder Annon. Two years later, Absalom lured Annon away from Jerusalem and had him killed. **verses 22-29**



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After the murder of Annon, Absalom fled to his grandparents, where he stayed for three years. King David eventually stopped mourning for Annon and longed to see Absalom again.

Demons were running loose in the king's palace and Joab, David's commander of the army, initiated a conspiracy to bring Absalom back. **2 Samuel 14:1-18**

David realized the hand of Joab in the plot, but instead of punishing his general, he had him go and bring Absalom back to Jerusalem. **verses 21-24**

Two years after Absalom returned to Jerusalem, he used deception again to open the door for him to see his father. **verses 25-33**

SATAN MOVED TO KILL KING DAVID

Despite David's shortcomings, God had a plan for him and the nation of Israel, which ultimately would culminate with bringing Jesus Christ to Jerusalem. Satan wanted to hinder this from happening and his tool for destruction was Absalom.

Absalom was full of pride and began to plot against his father and take the throne for himself. He knew that there were 17 other sons of David who were all working on their own plans to become the next king. Absalom decided to make his move while his father was still alive.

For some reason, David's love for Absalom blinded him and he did not perceive what his son was doing behind his back. **2 Samuel 15:1-6**

Absalom was ready to make his move and he deceived his father once again and asked for permission to leave Jerusalem so that he could start the uprising remotely and take over the throne. **verses 7-12**

FEAR GRIPPED DAVID

David fled for his life when he found out that Absalom had rebelled and convinced a large portion of Israel to follow him. **verses 13-37**

But David was given new strength from the Lord and he organized his troops and ordered them to attack Absalom and his army. **2 Samuel 18:1-4**

David had a soft heart for his son who intended to kill him in order to take the throne of Israel. **verse 5**

Absalom's army was defeated and he was killed when his hair got caught in a tree. **verses 6-17**

Some years later David wrote a prayer that revealed what was in his heart. **Psalms 86:1-17**

SUMMARY

It is dangerous to not be in God's perfect will. The Bible does not tell us why David wanted so many wives and concubines since he was never close to any of his wives. They bore him children and satisfied his sexual appetite, but none of the women became a real wife and companion. Life became a burden for his sons since there was

so much rivalry between them. In order to consolidate his power, King Solomon killed his half-brother when he could have asked God for protection. Over time, Solomon became spiritually blind and died as a Satan worshipper. **1 Kings 11:1-9**

We would do well to be filled with the knowledge of the will of God and walk worthy of the Lord. **Colossians 1:9-15**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?