Deceived By The Easy Way

Tony Mauck · Galatians 6:7–8

1 We Want an Easier Way

Joshua 17:12–18; 1 Kings 12:26–30

- But the sons of Manasseh could not take possession of these cities because the Canaanites persisted in living in that land.
- For you shall drive out the Canaanites, even though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.
- And he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.
- It's too much. The requirement is too high. Let's make worship easier. And this is always palatable to folks.

2 The Devil Is Deceiving Folks with the Easy Way

2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Revelation 12:17; Matthew 7:13

- We should not be surprised that the devil is deceiving folks with the easy way.
- The devil is trying to veil that knowledge from your mind. He is trying to deceive you, and one of the ways that he does this is by offering an easier way.
- No one is ever made better or stronger by taking the easy way.
- There is no shortcut to knowing God's message well.
- Satan deceived people into believing they will get something for next to nothing.

3 Do Not Be Deceived About Being Deceived

1 Corinthians 10:12

- The first thing that I want to suggest to you as we bring all of this to a head this evening, do not be deceived about being deceived.
- Let him who thinks he stands take heed, lest he fall.
- Those covenant people in the Old Testament, Israel, who thought that everything was fine in their relationship with God, but they were immoral, murmuring, complaining, always trying the Lord.

4 Do Not Be Deceived About Deceiving God

- And do not be deceived about deceiving God, because it does not work.
- The one who thinks he can sow to the flesh and still reap to the spirit is deceived about that, and God will not be fooled by that.
- One cannot sow to the flesh and reap of the spirit.

5 Do Not Be Deceived About Your Sowing

Galatians 6:7–8; Ephesians 4:1

- Do not be deceived about your sowing. There's only two kinds of sowing.
- Sowing to the flesh or sowing to the spirit, Am I going to sow after his will or am I going to pursue my own?
- We want to shoot where we want to shoot. And then we want to draw the bullseye around it and say, I've hit the target. The easy way.
- The development of the spiritual mind, there's no shortcut to that.
- There are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity and wisdom. The mind set on the flesh is death.

6 Do Not Be Deceived About the Reaping

Joshua 22:5; 2 Peter 3:13–14; James 1:22–25

- Each one of us is going to give an account of himself unto God.
- Love the Lord your God, walk in his ways, keep his commandments, hold fast to him, and serve him.
- Diligence in serving the Lord has never been an option.
- Be diligent to be found by him in peace, spotless and blameless.
- Be doers of the word and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

THE CHALLENGE

So are you going to listen to the message that reaps eternal life? And embrace it? Or are you going to listen to the devil as he says, I got a better way for you, I got an easier way.

MY NOTES