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"Coming Your Way"

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"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NKJV)

How literally do you take the Word of God? By that, I mean, do you understand that there are forces rallying right now against your faith, family, and church? And that so-called miracle workers will arise whose persuasiveness will ensnare the unsuspecting by twisting the Scriptures?

DAZZLING DECEPTION

According to the Bible, deceivers are already at work, but there is an even darker deception on the horizon. Jesus warned that if it were possible, their deceptive powers would carry away even the very elect of God. (Matthew 24:24)

Imagine if you combined the creativity of a Stephen Spielberg or George Lucas with the visionary boldness of someone like Bill Gates. What could these types of men, with their unlimited resources, produce through their ability to dazzle, impress, and influence? It would be a global Goliath, a devilish endeavor disguised as religion, precisely as the Bible says it will happen.

RECOGNIZED AND RESISTED

Deception doesn't arrive overnight. It comes at a gradual yet insidious pace. How can you be sure that you will not be deceived? What determines your readiness to stand against false prophets and reject their demonic manifestations, no matter how alluring and powerful?

What you believe about the Word of God makes all the difference, but you've got to know it to believe it. The more earnest you are in studying the Bible, the greater your capacity becomes to recognize Satan's aberrant doctrine.

Christian, if you're trusting Jesus for your salvation, then grab hold of the rest of Scripture in the same way – literally and wholeheartedly.

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