

# "Strong Delusion"

By J. M. Little

"And with all deceivable-ness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause GOD SHALL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." II Thess. 2:10, 11, 12.

Our subject is "Strong Delusion." The definition of the word "delusion" is: something which one accepts as true or real but which is untrue and unreal. That tells us a lot doesn't it?

Every soul out of Christ lives and has his entire mind and being in a delusion. Has it ever occurred to you that you are in a delusion? Has it? I'm talking to you. Do you know that you are deluded by your old wicked heart and by Satan, your father, who holds you captive at his will? According to Jer. 17:9: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately (incurably) wicked: who can know it?" And II Tim. 3:26: "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." There you have it, every soul out of the Lord Jesus Christ is deluded by his old wicked heart and Satan who holds you captive. My friend, your old wicked heart and Satan always lie to you, you can't trust them in any way.

But here, in II Thess., Paul is warning of the Great Delusion the world would be in just before the return of the Lord. And oh, how the world is deluded. The world is ripe for the take over of the Anti-Christ. Sometime back we brought some studies on the different classes of demon spirits. One class we mentioned was the class of "lying." Over the last few years, more particularly the last seven, we have seen the intrusion of lying spirits into the human race as never before.

It began at the top of the nation in Mr. Richard M. Nixon and has come all the way down to the bottom of our society here in America. This is the lyingest generation we have ever lived in. In government you can not trust the officials to tell you the truth about even the smallest of matters. They will lie as common as batting an eye. If I did not see and know it with my own eyes I would not believe it. Our government from top to bottom has been invaded by a wave of demons of lying. The same is true in the business world. Men lie and cheat one another and do it with a smile. In the social world it is the same. There is all the make believe and put on and make up. The demon spirits have invaded this entire generation of mankind and deluded all except the very elect of God. If it were possible they would deceive the very elect. But I thank God He has a few who cannot be deluded by Satan because the Holy Spirit has sealed every one of the elect and keeps us from being deluded.

I've watched here in the halls of government and seen how men will lie for any cause or goal they hope to reach.

Then in every day life in the homes the husbands and wives lie to each other. All because you are in the Great Delusion of Satan that grips the whole world now which is waiting for the appearance of the "Son of Perdition" who is the Anti-christ that will rule all the



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world (Rev. 13).

Every man, woman, boy, girl, rich or poor, you are caught up in the Great Delusion if you don't know the Lord or if you are not under Holy Spirit Conviction. I thank God He awakened me to my lost condition and gave me a love for the truth that I might be saved. If the Holy Spirit has not awakened you to your awful ruined and lost condition, my friend, you pray that He will because your time is running out. Just because you are a great church member is no sign you are saved. The religious world is in this Great Delusion in all likelihood more than anyone else. The preachers of this nation and all over the world are in the great delusion, my friend. You may say that is a strong statement. Well, I know it to be so. The preachers of this deluded generation have never been awakened to their lost condition out of Christ. There, not knowing what it means to be lost, they can't tell what it means to be saved. They can't. I've read one religious periodical after the other. Do the preachers speak of knowing Christ as a living reality to their hearts? No, they do not. You cannot preach someone you do not know. The religious world is deluded in that they are looking for "another." That "another" is the Anti-christ who is soon to appear on the scene. I believe the Anti-christ is already on the earth. But if you read II Thess. closely you will see that he cannot be revealed until the church and the Holy Spirit are taken out.

Let me ask you some questions my friends, have you ever seen that you are the one who is deluded by Satan? Have you? Now, you know whether you have or not. Have you ever been made to see that you were tricked by Satan into thinking that you were saved and then in His great mercy the Lord revealed to you that you were lost? Has that happened to you? If not then you are not saved! Let me ask you another question: did you ever see that you hated God? Have you ever seen your heart of rebellion and hatred against God? According to Rom. 8:7 every natural soul hates God. If you have never seen your heart of hatred for God then the god you think you know is only a "figment" of your

depraved imagination. Now you great church folks, you deacons and Sunday school teachers, let that soak in. You had better listen, my dear man. For you are thinking you are saved while you are on the road to Hell. A great Bible teacher once spoke up in regards to your editor: "He's alright when he is talking to us but when he gets to writing he writes like we all are going to Hell." Well, that teacher exposed himself didn't he?

According to John 8:44 every soul is born a child of the Devil. The late Lyndon B. Johnson once said: "All of us, not some of us, are God's children." My, how deluded that was. It was a great shock when he woke up in Hell. The Bible plainly declares there are the children of God and the children of the Devil. Have you ever seen yourself as a child of the devil? Then how do you know you are a child of God's? You will see yourself as a child of the Devil long before you see and know you are a child of the living and true God. May God help you to see it my friend.

Yes, all around us we see the world deluded and running at break-neck speed to get to hell. You don't realize you are on the road to hell, but you are. Every way you turn you come face to face with such open rebellion and hatred against God. If you can find one in a million interested in how God saves a poor hell-deserving sinner you are doing good. Practically everywhere I look and turn no one is the least interested.

Some may think they are interested in being saved but you are deluded by your old wicked heart that tells you that you have plenty of time left and you can get saved later on. Well, my friend, you are very much deceived. Christ could come any time and you'd be left to enter the awful tribulation.

Men and women are taken up with the riches of this world. You are going on as though you will live forever. But I am crying: judgment is coming friend! Judgment will find your soul wanting. Eternity is forever dear soul, forever! You are going out into eternity. As death finds you, so shall eternity hold you. How will death find you? Are you ready to die?

## Obituary

Mrs. Cuthbertson

Dies Following

Lengthy Illness

Mrs. Sadie Cuthbertson Harris, 64, of 3022 Morning Drive died recently after a long illness.

The funeral was held at Grier's Funeral Chapel with the Rev. C.E. Dewberry of Gethsemane Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the York Memorial Park.

Born June 19, 1912 in Monroe, N.C., she was the daughter of the late John and Minnie Cuthbertson and the wife of the late Luther Harris.

At an early age Mrs. Harris moved to Charlotte and became an active member of Gethsemane Baptist Church. Surviving are her only son, James Oscar Cuthbertson Sr. of Charlotte; two brothers, Foye Cuthbertson of Winston-Salem, James L. Cuthbertson of Fort Wayne, Ind., four sisters, Mrs. Madge Horton of Monroe, Mrs. Ruby Cuthbertson of Jersey City, N.J., Mrs. Pearl Dunlap and Mrs. Ethel Henderson, both of Charlotte. Also seven grandchildren.

James Oscar Cuthbertson Jr., Yolanda Denise Cuthbertson, Anita Louise Cuthbertson, and Cotes Michael Parnell, all of Charlotte; Ritchie Durand Cuthbertson and Myron Bernard Cuthbertson of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Beverly Wynne Cuthbertson Neal of Westbury, N.Y.

And five great grand children; Melvin Lamonte Cuthbertson, Ritchie Durand Cuthbertson, Comyrn Ricardo Cuthbertson, Tammie Latarsha Neal, and Jamal Rashad Cuthbertson.

MRS. MARY ALICE CLARK

Mrs. Mary Alice Clark, of 1920 Umstead Street, died Tuesday, January 18. Funeral plans are presently incomplete. Alexander is in charge.

MRS. WILLETTE CHERRY Mrs. Willette Cherry, of 328 Rensselaer Ave., died Tuesday, January 18. Funeral plans are presently incomplete. Alexander is in charge.

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