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## ACTIVE DELUSION

*<sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup>And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, <sup>12</sup>that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. – 2 Thessalonians 2 NKJV*

Paul wrote this about our time right now. It is in the section where he talks about the falling away from God and where he speaks about the revealing of the anti-christ (the lawless one) before the coming of the Day of the Lord.

Delusion. We are in the midst of it. There are large numbers of people in our society that are living under the control of the spirit of delusion. They cannot see the truth. They cannot recognize it. And they cannot enter into rational discussions with anyone else because they cannot receive or understand any truth sent their way.

We see these people in the irrational and violent street demonstrations against the individual who won the presidency last November. And we see it in countless national media personalities who speak and say things we recognize are far from the truth.

And we see it in the irrational utterings and declarations of some university professors and large numbers of college students who under the guise of political correctness do not have the ability to engage in discussions on any issue because they cannot bear to hear an opinion not their own. They are living under this spirit of delusion.

We see this spirit operating in families. I wrote not long ago of the breakup of the family unit and in that I noted such bizarre things as children suddenly telling their parents they wanted nothing more to do with them. No rational explanation. Just separation. Families were not able to celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas together this past year because of this spirit of delusion. Some members were just horrified and appalled at the election and unable to be with others who were not. I just saw a report of a divorce of two successful people because of this very point.

Delusion.

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The Lord warned of this in his first response when the disciples asked about signs of his return, signs of the day in which we live. “Watch that you are not deceived,” he said, In Luke 21, Mark 13, Matthew 24.

His very first warning. Think he thought that was important? I’ll say.

The devil, satan, the evil one is the father of lies. Deception. His turf. His fundamental approach. Lies. He may once in a while appear in a very obvious evil form, but I think that really is the exception. Remember, Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Satan was spectacularly beautiful as the high ranking angel Lucifer. Remember? And somehow he led a third of the angels to revolt against God. How did he do that? How about deception. Delusion.

When this evil being comes do you think he will appear at your door in a red costume with horns? Hardly. That is the stuff of comic books and Hollywood.

The evil one operates through deception. He most likely will appear as a charming individual, a warm and kind person, someone you would like to know or be around. Satan may operate around you through family or friends, or a neighbor, or perhaps the pastor of your church or your boss at work.

And his chosen world leader, the anti-christ, will undoubtedly be the most charming world leader we have ever seen.

Delusion. Who is ripe for following this coming world leader? All those people who are already deluded. Why aren’t you deluded and why will you not be deluded? You know Jesus. You are born again, born of water and the Spirit. You have the guidance and the gifts of the Spirit, especially that valuable one discernment.

But those who do not know the Lord and do not have the Holy Spirit cannot hear or see the truth. They cannot understand you. And they are all around today, from the lost maniacs of the terrorist groups to the ranting crowds on college campuses and in Washington to the political far left including some senators and congressmen and television news anchors. Washington is not just a swamp or a sewer. It also is the home of many deluded people unfortunately occupying positions of earthly power.

The spirit of delusion. Actively at play in our time. Just another confirmation we are in the last of the last days.

Watch that you are not deceived.

And be alert so that you may escape all that is coming on the earth. Jesus warned us in that as well.

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## HOW BIG IS YOUR FAITH

How far does your faith go?

All things are possible with God. You've heard that. It comes from scripture. Jesus said that in Matthew 19:26.

That point is made many times. Over in Mark 9:23 Jesus said all things are possible to him that believes.

The angel Gabriel said with God nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37).

And God himself asked the rhetorical question – Is anything too hard for the Lord? (Genesis 18:14). The obvious answer is no.

Well, then, how big is your faith?

Over the years I've recounted various miracles the Lord has done through us and the ministry he has given us. Great healings. Sometimes other types of what we would all call miracles. Lately I've decided to start sending one of these accounts out periodically by email under the title "GOD MOMENT." The reason for sending them out should be obvious – to boost everyone's faith and to encourage us all at a time when events in the secular world are not so encouraging or uplifting.

Well, how big is your faith? Do you really believe what Jesus, Gabriel, and God the Father have said? If so, why do you so readily accept a doctor's horrible prognosis? Or why do you accept bad news as if it cannot be changed? Why so down?

Not long ago early in the morning God gave me a long piece I wrote down and published. You can still read it by clicking on the blog in the website menu column or by going directly to the blog. Just scroll down to the March 28 entry of this year called A WORD. I mention it now because after wonderful words and guidance the entire piece closes with the words:

*If you do not stand in your faith, you will not stand at all.*

That actually is scripture too, from Isaiah 7:9. So, how big is your faith?

Cathy and I live a life of expectancy, of expecting God to act, to do the things he said he will do, to fulfill his words from the Bible and also the things he has told us directly.

That doesn't mean instantly or every moment he does all that. But it does mean his words are true and we believe them. When we act under his guidance to pray healing over a person, we know it is true that Jesus has already taken upon himself all of the person's sickness, disease, and pain and has overcome them, and that by his stripes that person is healed. That is true. And often that person we have spoken the healing words over, laid hands on, anointed with oil is indeed right here in our physical realm made whole. They are healed. Sometimes instantly. Sometimes over a day or two or more. Sometimes very gradually. And sometimes it seems the person continues to fight and suffer. But that does not make God's words untrue.

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They are still true. For some reason the person still suffering and fighting has not yet completely received. We don't know why. We don't know all that is going on in anyone's life or all that God is doing in their life. But we still go on because we have faith.

God many years ago told me things that would happen in my life. They haven't all happened yet. But they will. Just this year we have seen him taking steps and opening doors in that regard.

People are always out there trying to solve problems that only God can solve. Yes, he solves them through people usually, but those people have to believe, know the truth, ask God for help, invite him into their lives and situation.

As things come ever more unglued in these last days leading up to Jesus' return and then the Tribulation period, expect also to see more and more of God's miraculous presence, stepping in to do things especially in believers' lives. You and I really have no hope without God and without faith.

If we do not stand in our faith, we will not stand at all.

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*May you live in the blessings of the Lord always. And always,*

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***John***

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