

Articles and Sermons :: A STUDY THROUGH THE WORD by Milton Green**A STUDY THROUGH THE WORD by Milton Green - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/7/29 21:08****INTRODUCTION**

We have felt a need to develop a Bible study that will enable people to see clearly the Jesus of the Word and then describe what a fallen away Church looks like. Therefore, this Bible study represents the first of several studies designed to take you through the Word of God to examine your Bible for yourself. In fact, you will find very few of our comments and explanations in this study. We have tried to simply give you a guideline to study the Word for yourself and to ask specific questions on each verse to cause you to examine your own Bible.

It is very important that you use your Bible to answer the questions for yourself since many hearts have been captured by the traditions of men. This causes people to have tunnel vision and not to examine what the Word truly says but only part of the Word. This study in the Word, and the ones to follow, are written for use as an individual Bible study aid, home group study, or church group studies. The following questions are some areas of study we cover in this Bible study or plan to cover in future studies. They are intended to urge you to consider the Word for yourself, and to examine yourself as to whether or not certain doctrines may have captured your heart and blinded you from seeing the Word. If you will follow in your Bible through these studies, I believe the Word will change your life. Be careful not to build a doctrine around a particular scripture and be blocked from hearing the total Word for yourself.

We plan to cover in these studies such issues as I Corinthians 3 concerning the carnal Christian and Romans 7 regarding Paul's struggle with the flesh. God has given us some clear answers to many questions about these last days. We are now able to show you who the sleeping virgins are and who is in the great falling away. We are dealing directly in these studies with what the Bible says. Let's prove ourselves teachable and not be like the church of Laodicea who is rich, increased in goods, and in need of nothing. Remember, you too have been called to be a teacher of the Word of God. The anointing abides within you (I John 2:27). When you complete this study in the Word, share and teach it to a friend or a group. Spread the Word of God to others.

A STUDY THROUGH THE WORD

Could you possibly be a partaker of the mark of the beast and the great apostasy in the last days and not realize it? Are you a part of the bride of Christ today or are you a part of the great falling away of the last days? You can know if you are willing to let the Word of God test your heart.

This test could involve whether you love your religious traditions more than you do the whole counsel of the Word of God. Could you have found a false security in a doctrine that actually counsels rebellion to God and that does not conform you to godliness? Could it be possible for the mark of the beast to be on those who have found a false security in the doctrines of men rather than conformity to godliness and the Word of God? Do you really clearly understand what the doctrines of demons mentioned in I Timothy 4:1 means for today? Do you really understand what the great falling away and mark of the Beast is, and if not, could you possibly be deceived into being a part of it?

It is the desire of all of us to help you get the Word of God abiding in your heart. Jesus said "If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you ... he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit." (John 15:7,5). This is the first of a series of Bible studies designed to help you abide in the Word of God and in Christ Jesus. In these studies the questions asked above will be explained to you as you go through your Bible using this study aid. This first study is designed to give you a firm foundation upon which to build God's Word inside you. Get your Bible and let's go through God's Word together. Let God bless you as you plant His Word in your heart and let it "richly dwell within you" (Colossians 3:16).

GOD TESTS THE HEART OF EVERYTHING HE CREATES

Genesis 1:26 -- In the beginning Adam was created in the image of God. He had a total innocence and a pure heart with no impure motives (holy and blameless).

Genesis 2:8-9,15-17 -- Was Adam given a choice to choose between the tree of life or the tree of death? Did God say "You shall surely die" if you eat of the tree of death? Now the hearts of Adam and Eve are tested.

Genesis 3:1 -- Did Satan pervert and twist the Word of God? Compare what Satan said with what God said in Genesis 2:16-17 (Indeed, has God said).

Genesis 3:2-3 -- Eve did not resist Satan's perversion of God's Word.

Did Eve change God's words by saying "nor touch it, lest you die?" Did God say "You shall surely die"? Now we come to a direct contradiction of the Word of God. Satan entices and tempts Adam and Eve with false words -- another doctrine.

Genesis 3:4 -- Did God say in Genesis 2:17 "You shall surely die"? Did Satan say "You surely shall not die"? (Hath God really said?) Could this be the first doctrine of Satan in the Bible? Is this like the doctrines of demons? Do demons carry out the plans, thoughts and schemes of Satan? Could a doctrine of Satan (or a doctrine of demons) be to speak contrary to what God says? (Hath God really said?).

Did Satan repudiate and contradict the words of God?

WHAT WAS THE TREE OF DEATH FROM WHICH EVE ATE?

Genesis 3:6 -- Notice, this tree was good for food, a delight to the eyes, and desirable to make one wise. Could this be the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the boastful pride of life? Did Eve choose with her heart life or death? Did God say "You shall surely die"?

Genesis 3:7 -- Is sin and death now working in them? Was Eve led astray by a different spirit? Did the serpent deceive Eve with another doctrine? Another gospel? Could this be like receiving another Jesus? Read Genesis 3:13.

The serpent had deceived Eve with another doctrine. Turn to Romans 5:12 -- Did sin and death spread to all men through Adam? - sin and death is the rebellious, cursed nature of Satan. Every person is born with this same cursed nature of Satan. Therefore, every man walks in the image and likeness of Satan. His heart loves and lives for this cursed nature. He is in total darkness, and he does not know that Satan is his master and that death and judgement is upon him.

Colossians 3:5-9 -- Do the lusts of the flesh mentioned in verse 5 and verse 8 represent the character of God or the rebellious sin nature of Satan? Does your Bible say that wrath and judgement are upon these things? God has not changed today, has He? Isn't wrath and judgement still on those who practice these things?

Galatians 5:19 -- "Now the deeds of the flesh are evident...." The deeds of the flesh represent the cursed nature of Satan.

Some of the deeds of the flesh are:

PRIDE.....so is Satan
EGO.....so is Satan
REBELLION.....so is Satan
SELFISHNESS....so is Satan
HATE....so is Satan
ANGER....so is Satan
MURDER....so is Satan
TEMPER.....so is Satan
UNFORGIVENESS....so is Satan
GOSSIP....so is Satan
JEALOUSY....so is Satan
ENVY....so is Satan
STRIFE....so is Satan
SLANDER....so is Satan

CRITICISM....so is Satan
IMMORALITY....so is Satan
LYING...so is Satan

The sin and death nature is:

Selfishness and Self-Centeredness, not love.

a sin, rebellious, lust-nature (cursed nature), not a Divine Nature. (This is the opposite of the Divine Nature.)
the image and likeness of Satan, not God.

The fruit of this rebellious lust-nature is to live for yourself (not considering God in your motives or decisions). This is the fruit of a selfish, self-centered sin and death nature.

Adam's heart was tested, and he failed. The last Adam, Jesus, was also tested. He was victorious. Now let's read Luke 4:1-14

Luke 4:1 -- Jesus was full of the Spirit of God; and led by the Spirit to have His heart tested. Now begin the temptations of the lust of the flesh.

Luke 4:2 -- Who tempted Jesus?

Luke 4:3 -- Temptation #1 - the lust of the flesh.

Luke 4:4 -- The shield of faith is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:16).

Luke 4:5-7 -- Temptation #2 - the lust of the eyes.

Luke 4:8 -- The shield of faith is the Word of God.

Luke 4:9-11 -- Temptation #3 - the boastful pride of life. (This temptation represented the boastful pride of life in that Satan encouraged Jesus to make a show of Himself, perform a miracle, so the people would follow Him. The boastful pride of life always chooses the way of self-glorification. Satan wanted Jesus to do the work of God His own way, not God's way. Like all these other temptations, Satan perverts the Word; he uses it, but twists it to make it say something God didn't say.) (Hath God really said?)

Luke 4:12 -- The shield of faith is the Word of God.

Luke 4:14 -- Jesus receives the power of the Spirit.

Luke 4:13 -- Jesus finished and was victorious in resisting the devil in every temptation of the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life.

Luke 4:18 -- Jesus having established His heart holy, blameless and pure, begins the 3-fold ministry of preaching, healing, and deliverance to the captives of the world.

We are tempted and our hearts tested, just like Adam; just like Jesus.

Either we choose the way of Adam, resulting in sin and death (you will know them by their fruit) or, we choose the way of Jesus, resisting the lust, flesh-rebellion to God, resulting in sanctification and salvation.

Hebrews 4:15 -- Does your Bible say we are tempted like Jesus was tempted?

Hebrews 4:16 -- Does your Bible say God has provided a Throne of Grace where you can find help in these times of testing?

Hebrews 2:18 -- Does your Bible say that Jesus suffered in the flesh by resisting the devil while tempted? And does it say He, Jesus, is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted (those who also suffer by resisting the lust-rebellion of the flesh)?

All who name the name of Christ are called to walk just as Jesus also walked.

1 Peter 2:21 -- Does your Bible say you are to suffer as Jesus suffered? (Note: You suffer by resisting the lusts of the flesh. Read verses 18-20. Does this require some suffering in the flesh?)

1 Peter 2:24 -- Does your Bible say that Jesus bore our sins in His Body, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness?

1 Peter 4:12-13 -- The Bible says you are not to be surprised or shocked if you undergo a fiery trial. Don't consider it some strange thing happening to you.

Did God say that these trials test your faith? Does it say that you share in the sufferings of Christ as you go through these trials? Then the suffering Jesus endured must have been these fiery trials of the enemy (Satan) against His flesh. Have we seen in the Word that Satan tempted Jesus just as he tempted Adam and Eve? Does your Bible say don't be surprised if you also get tested?

We saw that Jesus resisted Satan with the shield of faith and the Word of God. Let's see how Jesus used this shield of faith against these temptations of Satan.

1 Peter 4:1 -- Does your Bible say Jesus suffered in the flesh? Remember, we just saw in verses 12-13 that this is called sharing in the sufferings of Christ. Does that mean you too are called to suffer in the flesh by resisting these temptations to fleshly lust-rebellion from Satan? Well, does your Bible say arm yourselves also with the same purpose?

Why?

Because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin! Is that walking as Jesus walked? (See 1 John 2:4-6).

1 Peter 4:2 -- Notice your Bible says you then live no longer for your own lusts but for the will of God (these lusts of the flesh are opposite of the Word of God).

These fiery tests are the temptations of Satan, not the Holy Spirit.

James 1:13 -- Does this verse say these trials are not from God? Who tempted Adam? Who tempted Jesus? Who tempts you?

James 1:16 -- Is this addressed to brethren? Does your Bible say to expect the test?

1 Peter 5:8 -- Does the Word of God warn you to be alert against the devil? Satan devours you when he is able to tempt you through a fiery trial and get you to act on these rebellious lusts of the flesh. The lusts of the flesh produce the life, character, and cursed lust-nature of Satan in you.

What does this say about traditions and doctrines that tell you to ignore the devil?

1 Peter 5:9 -- Does your Bible say resist the devil by the shield of faith and by suffering in the flesh? Did Jesus do this?

Now notice carefully, are these words addressed to brethren?

Does your Bible clearly say that brethren everywhere experience these same trials and suffering in the flesh?

1 Peter 5:10 -- After you have suffered for a little while (by resisting the rebellious lust-temptations of Satan against the flesh) God Himself will establish your heart in righteousness. This is how the Divine Nature is produced in you by the Spirit of God.

2 Peter 1:4 -- The precious and magnificent promises are the Word of God.

Does your Bible say that through the Word of God you become a partaker of the Divine Nature of God? (Is this being born again by the Word of God?) When the Divine Nature of God is produced in you as you hold fast the Word of God and resist the fiery temptations of Satan (resist by suffering in the flesh to do the will of God) you escape the corruption in the

world by lust.

II Peter 1:5-10 -- Does your Bible say that as long as you practice these things you will never stumble?

II Peter 1:11 -- Does your Bible clearly say that in this way you enter the kingdom of God?

Let's review something:

Have we read in your Bible that you are to live to no longer in the flesh by indulging the lusts of the flesh?

Does your Bible say that you are to resist the lusts of the flesh so as to live for the will of God?

Read Matthew 7:21. -- Does your Bible clearly warn you that not everyone who is saying "Lord, Lord" will enter heaven?

Does it say only those who do the will of God enter heaven?

Did I Peter 4:2 say you no longer live for the lusts of men but for the will of God?

God has not changed His mind, has He? No. God has not changed His mind about rebellion; nor has Satan stopped trying to pervert the Word of God by telling people "You surely shall not die."

Colossians 2:4 -- Does your Bible say you could be deluded with a persuasive argument?

Colossians 2:6 -- Are you to walk in Christ Jesus? Compare this verse with Ephesians 4:17-20 and 1 John 2:4-6.

Colossians 2:8 -- Does your Bible warn you about being taken captive? Do people get taken captive through the traditions of men?

Colossians 2:11 -- Does your Bible say that those in Christ have a circumcision not by man's hands but by the putting off of the body of the flesh? (Note: The King James Version says, "Putting off the body of the sins of the flesh.")

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 -- Does your Bible say the will of God is your sanctification (walk in holiness)?

Does it say that the will of God is that you possess your own vessel (body of flesh) in sanctification (holiness), not in lustful passion (yielding to the lust rebellion of the flesh)?

PART 2

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 -- Are you called for impurity in your life or to sanctification? Does your Bible clearly say to you that if you reject this you reject God? Hath God really said!

Now, let me ask you, if you resist the will and the Word of God, is this not the same rebellion to God as the first Adam? Has God changed?

Hebrews 12:14 -- Does your Bible clearly teach that without sanctification you will not see the Lord?

Romans 13:12 -- You are told in your Bible to lay aside the deeds of darkness (lust-rebellion of the flesh) and put on the armor of light. Did Jesus put on the armor of light in resisting the temptations of the devil? (Read Ephesians 6:11-17.)

Romans 13:13 -- Are you told in your Bible that we are NOT to walk in the lusts of the flesh (things like sensuality, immorality, strife, and jealousy, and indulging fleshy desires)?

Romans 13:14 -- Are you to make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts? Has God made a way for you to resist? God says you are to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." How do you do that? Turn to II Corinthians 10.

II Corinthians 10:3-5,6 -- Does your Bible say you are in a war, and that you are to take captive your thoughts? Does the Word say you are to destroy all speculations and every lofty thing (every fiery trial) raised up against the knowledge of G

od?

You are to take every thought captive! In this way you put on the Lord Jesus Christ. You enthrone Jesus as Lord in your heart and you resist every lie of the devil raised up against the Word of God. Do these weapons destroy the strongholds of the devil? (Compare verse 4 with Hebrews 4:15-16, 2:18.)

Does your Bible say that when you take every thought captive you then punish all disobedience? In other words, you put to death the rebellious lust-thoughts raised up against the knowledge of God. (Read Romans 8:14,13).

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 -- Did Adam become a tree of death? Did Jesus become a tree of life? Does everyone like Adam spread death?

Does everyone like Jesus spread life?

1 Corinthians 15:44 -- Does your Bible say your body of flesh was sown a natural body but becomes a spiritual body?

1 Corinthians 15:49 -- Do the Sons of God bear the image of Jesus? Does this mean we are to walk, talk, act, and be righteous like Jesus?

1 Corinthians 15:50 -- Are those people who don't bear the image of Jesus going to go to heaven?

II Timothy 2:19 -- Does your Bible say that everyone who names the Name of Christ (professes to be a Christian) is to abstain from sin (cease yielding to lust flesh-rebellion against the Lordship of Jesus)?

THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE MADE INTO THE IMAGE OF JESUS
WILL HAVE THEIR HEARTS TESTED SO AS TO BE CONFORMED INTO HIS IMAGE

James 1:13 -- Who tempts you and me? Who tempted Eve? Who tempted Jesus?

James 1:14 -- Does your Bible say you are tempted by the lust of the flesh? How was Eve tempted? How was Jesus tempted? Did Eve resist the flesh? Did Adam?

Did Jesus do the will of God by resisting the lust-flesh temptations of the devil? How are you called to walk if you are in Christ Jesus? (See I John 2:6) (Read Mark 8:34-35. You die to your own selfish living in order to find your life in Jesus.)

James 1:15 -- Verse 14 says we are enticed and tempted by our own lust-flesh desires. Does your Bible say that when you yield to those lusts you give birth to sin and death?

Is this what happened to Adam?

Would someone who does not put on the Lord Jesus but rather makes provision for his lust flesh-desires, be a tree of life or a tree of death?

Does verse 15 tell you that when you yield to the lusts of the flesh that sin and death now works in you? When Adam and Eve were tempted, did they resist the devil? Did Adam become a tree of death?

When Jesus was tempted, like we are, did He resist the devil? Did Jesus become a tree of life?

James 1:16 -- Is this addressed to "brethren?" Does this verse warn you that you also could be deceived? Were Adam and Eve deceived? Were they not deceived when they were led away and enticed by their own lusts? Did they believe a lie of the devil?

1 Peter 1:14 -- Does God call you to walk in obedience by not being conformed to your former lusts?

1 Peter 1:15-16 -- Does your Bible say you are to be holy in all your behavior?

II Peter 1:4 -- God gave us His Word (precious and magnificent promises) that we might become partakers of the Divine

Nature. Those who have the divine nature no longer walk in the corruption of fleshy lust-rebellion. They escape this cursed nature to partake in the Divine Nature by obeying God's Word.

This is how we are born again by the Word of God! We are reconciled back to the image and likeness of God from which we fell through Adam's lust-rebellion. This divine nature conforms us to the image of Jesus (See Romans 8:29).

In this way, we are restored to the image of God. (Compare this with how Adam lost the image of God through lust sin-rebellion.)

II Corinthians 5:17 -- Through the divine nature we become a new creation, old things have passed away.

II Corinthians 5:14,15 -- Does your Bible say that those who have the love of Christ (the divine nature) no longer live for themselves, but for God? This is the mark of the Divine Nature.

II Corinthians 5:18-19 -- We have been committed to the word of reconciliation being reconciled back to the image and likeness of God. Read Colossians 3:1-10

Colossians 3:10 -- Does your Bible say the new self (the new creation) is according to the image of God?

John 3:16,36 -- While verse 16 has become a popular memory verse, verse 36 has been ignored by the traditions of man.

Does your Bible clearly say who does not obey the Son shall not see life?

John 3:19 -- Does the Word of God say that judgement is on those who love darkness (lust, sin-rebellion) rather than light (Jesus, the truth)?

John 3:20 -- Does your Bible say the reason people don't come to the light of the Word of God (Jesus) is because they love darkness?

John 3:21 -- Does your Bible teach that those who practice the truth (rather than the lusts of the flesh) are the ones who come to Jesus?

THE FRUIT OF A DIVINE NATURE IS A TREE OF LIFE

II Peter 1:5-8 -- The divine nature is like the fruit of a good tree and is described here in these verses.

II Peter 1:9 -- The 'blind' are those who have "forgotten their purification from former sins." Jesus described the church in Laodicea as "miserable and poor and blind and naked" because they had need of nothing (Revelation 3:17).

Galatians 5:24 -- A lot of people say they are in "Christ Jesus" today. Does your Bible say those who truly are "in Christ Jesus" have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires? In other words, those in Christ Jesus do not indulge their fleshy lusts desires but suffer in the flesh so as to do the will of God.

Romans 8:9 -- Compare this verse with verse 13. If the Spirit of God is in you, will you be putting to death the deeds of the flesh?

Galatians 5:16 -- Does your Bible say that if you walk by the Spirit you will not carry out the desire of the flesh?

Galatians 5:17 -- Does this verse teach you are in a war? (Read II Corinthians 10:3-6 again.) Did you read in Romans 8:7 that the flesh is hostile to spiritual things of God?

James 4:4 -- Does your Bible clearly call those who love the world (Read I John 2:16; lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life) adulteresses? Do they become an enemy of God?

The reason they are an enemy of God is because their love of the world causes them to be hostile to the things of God. Why? Because God demands they die to their fleshy carnal lifestyles and they choose the way of rebellion. Does this so

and like the way of Adam?

Ephesians 2:1 -- Does the Bible refer to those living in fleshy sin rebellion as DEAD? Would this person be a tree of life or a tree of death?

Ephesians 2:2 -- Does your Bible say "formerly walked"? Does "a spirit" (powers of darkness) work "IN" sons of disobedience? Is your Bible saying that death is at work in them?

Ephesians 2:3 -- Does your Bible say "formerly lived" in the lusts of the flesh (indulging selfish, fleshy desires)? What is their nature: wrath (death), or life? The sons of disobedience do not put to death the flesh. They obey the lusts of the flesh rather than God. Is it possible to feel security in another doctrine (like Adam and Eve) not according to the Word of God and still remain a son of disobedience?

Does your Bible say those who walk with death working in them indulge fleshy desires of the mind? Would this be the opposite of a tree of life, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ?

Ephesians 4:22 -- Is corruption (death) working in the old selfish, lust nature? (See II Peter 2:4).

Romans 8:14 -- Those who are truly sons of God are those who are being led by the Spirit of God (rather than slaves to a corrupt selfish sin nature).

Romans 8:13 -- Does your Bible say if you are living by the flesh you must die? Did God say you shall surely die? Did Satan say you surely shall not die? If you are being led by the Spirit of God (truly a son) will you be putting to death fleshy lust rebellion? (Read again II Corinthians 10: 6, obedience complete.)

Romans 8:17 -- Do children suffer in order to be glorified with Jesus? (Compare this suffering once again with 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 1-2.)

Romans 8:2,4 -- Does your Bible say those who are free from sin and death are those who walk according to the Spirit, and not according to the lust desires of the flesh?

Romans 8:5 -- If you are living according to the flesh, what does your Bible say your mind is set on? (Read Colossians 3 :1-3.)

Do those who live by the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit? How does this compare to II Corinthians 10:3-6 ? Are we to take captive thoughts of fleshy sin rebellion and die to them? (Remember we are not to analyze the Word like Adam and Eve - but do it!)

Romans 8:6 -- Is the mind set on the flesh a tree of life or a tree of death! What about the mind set on the Spirit?

Romans 8:7 -- The mind set on fleshy sin rebellion strikes back at God's right to the Lordship of your life. The mind set on the flesh lives for itself and lives in selfish lust rebellion to God.

Does this sound like a description of where a fallen church might be living? People like this do not obey the Word of God but obey their own lust rebellious thoughts and desires. This was the problem of Adam and Eve.

Ephesians 4:23 -- The renewed mind walks according to the Spirit by putting to death the deeds of the flesh. (See Romans 8:14,13,4-6 and II Corinthians 10:5-6.)

Ephesians 4:24 -- Does your Bible say the new self (divine nature) is in the image of God? In this way the image of God is restored.

Does your Bible say this new self is righteousness and holiness? (Read 1 Peter 1:14-15,16.)

Ephesians 5:1 -- Are beloved children to be imitators of God?

Ephesians 5:3-5 -- This describes the real body of Christ created in His image of righteousness and holiness. Do those who walk opposite of this have an inheritance in the kingdom of God?

Ephesians 5:6 -- Does your Bible warn you not to let empty words deceive you about these things? If God warns you not to be deceived, does that mean you could get deceived?

Did Adam and Eve get deceived? Did they become a tree of life or a tree of death? Did they receive any empty words like you surely shall not die? Did God say you shall surely die? Let me ask you, did they believe a lie? A doctrine of Satan? A doctrine of demons that said the opposite of what God says? When Satan tempted Jesus with false, empty words, how did He resist? (See Luke 4:2-18; II Corinthians 10:3-5; and 1 Peter 4:1-2).

Let's see if God's Word warns you not to be deceived like Adam and Eve by listening to doctrines of demons.

II Corinthians 11:2 -- A pure virgin is someone with a pure heart for Jesus. They are without impure and selfish motives. Having been restored to the likeness of God they are like a lamb, not like a wolf.

II Corinthians 11:3 -- Who deceived Eve? Does your Bible say Eve's mind was led astray? Does Paul fear that could happen to you too?

Does your Bible say Eve was led astray? Does it say we also can be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Jesus? In other words, she received a divided heart that indulged the desires of the flesh, world, and the devil. This is how your heart gets an idol and becomes divided.

II Corinthians 11:4 -- Does your Bible say this is the way you receive another Jesus, a different spirit (powers of darkness), and a different gospel? (See earlier in this study.)

II Corinthians 11:14-15 -- Can Satan disguise himself as a servant of righteousness? Could that be by bringing empty words, doctrines of demons and traditions of men that spoke "about" Jesus but did not renew you to the image of Jesus? Would that be a tree of death?

II Peter 2:1,2,10,14 -- Would Satan's servants of righteousness be called false prophets? Have we clearly seen that Satan tempts you to draw you after the lusts of the flesh? Does your Bible say that false prophets (servants of Satan) entice people to follow their sensuality (fleshy lust rebellion) drawing them into fleshy indulgence?

Is this what Satan did to Adam and Eve? Is this how false prophets will entice many? Did Satan malign (pervert) the truth with Eve? Do false prophets malign (pervert) the way of the truth? Does your Bible warn you repeatedly not to be deceived?

1 Corinthians 15:21,22 -- Did Adam become a tree of death? Did Jesus become a tree of life?

1 Corinthians 15:49 -- Are we to bear the image of Jesus? Now you can understand clearly what Jesus meant when He talked about good trees and bad trees, good fruit and bad fruit.

Matthew 7:13 -- Is the way to life a broad road or a narrow road? What does the broad road lead to?

Matthew 7:14 -- Are many going to find the way to life? Does that verse make it important enough to make sure you are on the right road?

Matthew 7:15 -- Do false prophets act like lambs or like wolves?

Matthew 7:16,20 -- How are you going to know them?

Matthew 7:17-19 -- What happens to every tree that does not bear good fruit? Is it a tree of life or a tree of death?

Matthew 7:21 -- Will everyone who says Jesus is their Lord go to heaven? Does your Bible clearly say only those who do the will of God go to heaven? Would they be a tree of life?

I John 2:15 -- Does your Bible clearly tell you that you are not to love this world? Is the love of God in anyone who loves the world? II Corinthians 5:15 says those who have the love of God controlling them no longer live for themselves but live for God. (Read James 4:4 again.)

John 12:25 -- If you live for yourself, you lose your life and experience the nature of the tree of death Satan. If you lose your life and live for God you experience the nature of the tree of life - Jesus. (Read Proverbs 11:30. The fruit of righteousness is a tree of life.)

1 John 2:16 -- Does your Bible say that the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and pride of life is not of God but worldly?

1 John 2:17 -- Who abides forever? (Note: 1 Peter 4:1-2, those who do the will of God suffer in the flesh and cease from sin and do not live for the lusts of men.) Once again, the opposite of the lust of the flesh is the will of God.

James 4:4 -- By loving the world (this is an idol of the heart) you prove your hostility (in your heart) against the Lordship of Jesus. A friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Enemies of God do not go to heaven. This is an adultress.

John 8:38,43-44 -- Jesus said that when you cannot hear the Word of God it is because you want to do the deeds of your father. (See John 8:19-21.)

II Timothy 4:3-4 -- Does the Word of God warn you that a time will come when people will choose doctrines in accordance with their own desires rather than the will of God (remember Matthew 7:21)?

BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T TURN YOUR EARS ASIDE FROM THE WORD OF GOD!

Re: A STUDY THROUGH THE WORD by Milton Green, on: 2010/10/25 14:24

This was made into a broadside tract and I was looking for it. Thanks for transcribing it.