# How We Are Deceived by our Own Lusts

James 1:12-14—(ampl) Blessed is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted from God, for God is incapable of being tempted by what is evil and He Himself tempts no one. But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, ENTICED AND BAITED BY **HIS OWN** EVIL DESIRE (lust, passion, 5 senses).

God has spoken to us many times and He has said "He that hath an ear let him hear" Do you recall reading in the Word, in the book of Genesis that God said, "on the first day I created —WHAT?" On the second day, I created —WHAT?. On the third day I created ...WHAT?. On the fourth day, fifth day, sixth day and seventh day? I ask you, do you remember on which day God said what? Which chapter and which book I asked the question? Where did the creeping things come from?

Know this. You must KNOW God's word AND you must BELIEVE God's Word. If you don't KNOW GOD'S Word and you don't **believe** GOD'S word, (which is truth) THEN YOU HAVE CREATED AN IMAGE OF SOMETHING WHICH IS OF **YOUR** 

**OWN** lust, (your own passionate desire) and NOT because my word says you can

have it (that it is of the promise). Do you hear God's word? YOU CONCEIVE THINGS OF **YOUR OWN** LUSTS AND **NOT** BECAUSE THEY ARE THINGS THAT ARE OF THE PROMISES. DO YOU HEAR MY WORD...**YOU MUST** <u>CONCEIVE BY THE</u> <u>SPIRIT AND NOT BY YOUR FLESHLY LUSTS.</u>

#### <u>Deception—Why We Are Deceived!</u>

Yes, Satan is the god of this world. He has you running to and fro. He has you wearying yourself, not using yourself. That is, Satan has you doing <u>nothing</u> sometimes. He makes you think you're tired. He makes you think you are all out of energy. He tells you that your strength is low and that your hair just doesn't look right. He tells you that you should put tint in your hair or you should wear a hairpiece, that you will look better with your hair straight or in plaits.

Hear God's Word. You allow the god of this world to dictate to you how you look as opposed to recognizing that you are a SPIRIT BEING and your beauty comes from within and overflows on the outside and thereby causes everything to be manageable; your clothes, your hair, your skin, everything. If more of my children who understand my word, who come and stand in the hearing of the truth being put out, would abide in it, THEY could change the whole world and cause all of the inflation to be totally eradicated. For they will set a precedent that the whole world would abide by. For the peace and joy and confidence and love that they would have in the way that I would guide them, would

cause this world to be much better off. You see, **this world** runs by the dictates of Satan, <u>not</u> the dictates of the saints. However, **because** the saints are IN the world, it is still here. You see, I am **gathering as many people as I can because** I have such a **great love**.

But, know this! You have switched your wardrobe, switched the food you eat, switched a lot of things **BECAUSE** you had **NO PEACE**. You allowed the world to dictate to you what you should or should not do, how you should or should not look. You wait till someone gives you a compliment and then you will succumb to and change your whole wardrobe, your whole head, and your whole makeup.

YOU SEE, **THAT** IS DECEPTION! Hear God's word. I am light and I am life. Life is always moving, always rich, and always alive because I am life. When you abide in my word, you are abiding in truth and you will spend more time ministering to people, as opposed to ministering to yourself. (That is, doing too much of the wrong thing and not doing enough of the right thing.)

Satan has his life from Jesus for Jesus created **all** things. <u>He just doesn't have</u> any light (he is spiritually dead). That is why He fights US getting in the word. We get above him, above his power, when we receive the light, revelation knowledge of God's Word. If we follow Jesus we will have the light for He is the life and the light.

# SEVEN STEPS

#### **JAMES 1:14-15**

- 1. **TEMPTED** Thought of evil v14
- 2. **DRAWN AWAY** Strong imagination.
- 3. LUST Delight in viewing it.
- 4. ENTICED The weakening of the will v14
- LUST CONCEIVED Talking about & yielding to the imagination. v15, Matt. 6:31.
- 6. SIN Sinful ACT committed
- 7. DEATH Result of actual sin v15

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