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- Read: Josh 9:1-13
- Gibeon Resorts To Trickery
- They Persuade Joshua To Make Treaty
- The Israelites Fail To Seek God’s Guidance
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- Ignorance Is – Lack Of Knowledge, Education, Awareness

- The Willfully Ignorant – Those Who Choose To Ignore Truth, Facts, & Reality

- (Joshua 9:14-15 NIV) The men of Israel sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the LORD. (15) Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.
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- The Ignorance That Thinks You Know Something When You Really Don’t – Can Get You Into All Kinds Of Trouble

- The Worst Ignorance A Person Can Experience Is Ignorance Of God.
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- Ignorance – Whether Willful Or Otherwise – Often Leads To Deception

- John 7:24 (NIV) Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment."
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- 2 Timothy 3:13 (NIV) while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. (DECEPTION)

- There is an Antidote For Ignorance And Deception In This Life:
  - Our Relationship With God Thru His Holy Spirit
  - The Word Of God
This Is A Day Of Deceivers Deceiving

Everyone Is Susceptible To Deception

Half the work that is done in the world is to make things appear what they are not.

Things Aren’t Always What They Seem – You Can’t Even Believe Everything You See
Over Half The Work The Devil Does Is Through Deception

2 Cor 2:11 (NIV) ... in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes
2 Cor 4:3-4 (NIV) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Cor 11:14 (NIV) And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.
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- Satan Tries To Substitute A Counterfeit
- Satan Is The Purveyor Of Deception
- He Tries To Trap Us Into Alignments That Will Slow Down Our Victory In The Land Of Promise
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- He Looks To Attack When And Where We Think He Won’t

- John 8:44 b (NIV) (SATAN) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- Everything He Says And Does Is Built On Falsehood And Deception
Satan Is On The Prowl

1 Pet 5:8 (NIV) Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Satan’s Answer To Each One Of God’s Truths Is Deception
John 8:31 (NIV)... Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. (32) Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- **We Must Hold On To Truth Because Satan Wants To Take It Away From Us**

- **God’s Wisdom Is Far Above The Enemy’s Deception He Can See What The Devil Is Trying To Do**
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**Actions That Avoid The Deception:**

- Be Cautious Not Careless – In What You Know – What You Believe – What You Do – What You Agree To

- If You Lack Wisdom – Which We All Do – Ask God He Will Give It (James 1:5)
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- Don’t Short Circuit The Process Of Getting Direction From God

- Activated Truth Is Always Cloaked In Obedient Faith – Deception Is Often Cloaked In Reason

- Take Time To Inquire Of God – Before You Do Anything Significant – Or Make Decisions Of Alignment
There Is A Process In Getting To Know God’s Will And Plan:

- Spend Time With God
- Spend Time With God’s People
- Heb 10:25 (NIV) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
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- Prov 6:23 (NIV) For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life,

- Psa 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

- *In Prayer, Meditation, In Reading The Word*
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- Trust The Process – Don’t Get Ahead Of God

- Our Knowing, Deciding And Aligning — Must Be Tempered And Directed – Only By God’s Will And Plan

- Before We Proceed In Life We Test All Things

- Our Reasoning And Decisions Will Be Made As We Follow His Leading — His Will – His Plan – His Spirit