

The Disaster of the Deception of the Sin Nature

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'The Sin Nature Allures Believers by Means of False Teaching'

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(Point I. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

II. Things Believers Are Either *to Do, to Know, or to Beware of* in Order to **Protect** Themselves against the Deception of the Sin Nature

M. Beware of the Alluring Appeal of Desires of the Sin Nature, for '*Ear Tickling*' **Deceitful** False Teachers Who Will *Mix*, Modern Man's Thinking with the Word of God and Proclaim a Message That Will *Appeal to, Allure, Appease* and Seem *Appropriate* the Natural Man's Thinking and His Sin Nature's Fleshly Desires for *Prosperity, Physical Wellness, Personal Happiness, Physical Pleasures, Pretentious Religious Pomposity* That Will Be Void of Genuine Spiritual Reality (that which is Theocentric focused on God and not Anthropocentric focused on man and glorifies God and May Use Methods Which Have the Appearance of the Miraculous All of Which Promote forms of Modern Idolatry cf Mt. 3:22; 24:4-5, 11, 24; Mk. 4:19; 7:21-23; 13:5-6; Lk. 21:8; Acts 20:28-30 Rm. 16:18; Eph. 4:14, 22; 5:6; Col. 2:4-8; 3:20-23; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:13; Titus 3:3; Heb. 13:9; 2 Pet. 2:1-3, 14-19; 3:17-19; 1 Jn. 2:26; 3:7; 2 Jn. 7; Jude 11-16; Rev. 2:1-7, 20; 13:14; 16:13-14; 19:20

1. **Warnings** to Beware

BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS

I. **Warnings** to Believers

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B. The Apostle **Paul's** Warnings to Believers cf Acts 20:28-30; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-11; Titus 1:10-14: His Warning to the **Elders** in the Church at Ephesus cf Acts 20:28-30

"Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." Acts 20:29

"Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them." Acts 20:30

1. The **People** Being Addressed Were the *Elders* in the Church at Ephesus cf Acts 20:17 *Elder* Is a Borrowed Term from 1st Century Judaism cf Mt. 16:21 Mt. 21:23; 26:3, 47, 57; 27:1, 3, 12, 20, 41; 28:12; Mk. 8:31; 11:27; 14:43, 53 Mk. 15:1; Lk. 7:3; 9:22; 20:1; 22:52; Acts 4:5, 8, 23; 23:14; 24:1; 25:15 / Elders Became a **Title** Denoting the **Dignity** to Be Ascribed to the Men Who Were Spiritually Gifted by God and Who Had Demonstrated the Gifting and Qualifications Required by God as Set Forth in The Scriptures to Serve the Body of Christ as Administrators Teachers, Pastor-Teachers and, Overseers in Local Churches cf Acts 11:30; 14:23; 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23; 16:4; 20:17, 21:18; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 5:17, 19; Titus 1:5; James 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1; 2 Jn. 1; 3 Jn. 1
2. Paul's **Charge** to the Elders: 'Take Heed' / 'Be on Guard' / 'Keep Watch' / 'Pay Careful Attention' (προσέχω) English Transliteration *prosecho*
 - a. Meaning in This Context: To Turn One's Mind, Attention to a Thing; Direct Your Thoughts to Be on **Guard to Protect** cf Mt. 6:1; 7:15; 10:17 Mt. 16:6; Lk. 12:1; 17:3; 20:46; Lk. 21:34; 1 Tim. 4:1
 - b. The Grammatical Form of the Verb προσέχω English Transliteration *prosecho* 2nd Person, Plural, Present Tense, Active Voice, Imperative Mood Expresses That Every Elder Is Being **Commanded** to **Continually** Do This
3. That Which Elders Must Continually Be Diligently on Guard to Protect Is **Themselves** and the **Believers** God Has Placed the Elders in as **Overseers** to **Shepherd**
4. Elders Are Responsible to Continually, be Diligently on Guard to Protect the Ones **In** Whose Midst The Holy Spirit Has **Placed** Them
5. The Action of Placing Elders in the Midst of Believers to Serve Them as *Administrators, Pastors – Teachers – Shepherds* is the Work of the **Holy Spirit** Acknowledged by Other **Elders** Who Recognize the Spiritual Gifting of Men to Serve as Elders and Who Meet the Divinely Ordained Requirements to Serve as an Elder cf Acts 14:23; 16:1-3; 1 Cor. 12:4-28; Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 4:1-7, 4:14; 5:17-22; 2 Tim. 2:1 Titus 1:5-9
6. The **Duties** of the Elders
 - a. *Overseers* (ἐπίσκοπος) English Transliteration *episkopos* Is Another Title for the Elder cf Philipp 1:1; Titus 1:7; cf 1 Tim. 3:1-7 with Titus 1:5-8 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-2, 4; Acts 11:30; Compare Acts 14:23 with Titus 1:5-8; Acts 20:28 Compare with 1 Pet. 5:1-2; and Along with the Cognate Noun (ἐπισκοπή) English Transliteration *episkope* and Verb (ἐπισκοπέω) English Transliteration *episkopeo* Denote Elders' *Responsibility* cf LXX Nu. 4:16 of *Spiritually **Safeguarding*** and *Spiritually **Supervising*** LXX 2 Chr. 34:12, 17; the Group of Believers in Whose Midst the Holy Spirit Has Placed Them cf Acts 20:17 cf Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:1-6; 1 Thess. 5:2; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:2

- 1) The Word (ἐπίσκοπος) English Transliteration *episkopos* Can Be Used to Express the Idea of Having a **Responsibility** cf LXX Nu. 4:16
- 2) The Word (ἐπίσκοπος) English Transliteration *episkopos* Can Be Used to Express the Idea of **Supervising** Others cf 2 Chr. 34:12, 2 Chr. 34:17
- 3) The Word (ἐπίσκοπος) English Transliteration *episkopos* Can Be Used to Express the Thought of **Safeguarding** Others: "1. One who has the responsibility of safeguarding or seeing to it that someth. is done in the correct way, guardian (Iliad, s. Hom. – List 5. 22, 255, deities are guardians of agreements, i.e. they 'see to it' that they are kept; In the Gr-Rm world

ἐ. Freq. refers to one who has a definite function or fixed office of guardianship and related activity within a group (Aristoph. Av. V–IV B.C.—List 51023; IG = Inscriptiones Graecae—List 3" . . . including a religious group (IG XII/1, 731, 8: an ἐ in the temple of Apollo at Rhodes. S. Dssm., NB57f [BS 230f]. Cp. Also Nu. 4:16. On the Cynic-Stoic preacher as ἐπισκοπῶν and ἐπίσκοπος s. Enorden, Jahrb. Klass. Phil Suppl. 19, 1893, 377ff.—Philo, Rer. Div." A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature (3rd ed., p. 379). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. cf 1 Pet. 2:25 "For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and **Guardian** (ἐπίσκοπος) = **episkopos** of your souls." 1 Pet. 2:25
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