

The Disaster of the Deception of the Sin Nature

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

Beware of False Teachers

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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

(Points A. through L. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

- 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 (God Centered) not Anthropocentric (Man Centered) and Will Not Glorify God as It Focuses on Man's Desires, Wants and Feelings; 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; Mk. 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

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- I. **Warnings** to Beware

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

- 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

(Points 1. through 5. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

6. The **Duties** of the Elders

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

- 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 with the Cognate Noun (ἐπισκοπή) English Transliteration *episkope* and Verb (ἐπισκοπέω) English Transliteration *episkepo* Denote Elders' **Responsibilities** cf LXX Nu. 4:16 of **Safeguarding** and **Spiritually Supervising** LXX 2 Chr. 34:12, 17; the Group of Believers in Whose Midst the Holy Spirit Has Placed Him 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
 - 4) "35.40 ἐπισκοπή^c, (derivative of ἐπισκοπέω^a 'to take care of,' 35.39) the position of one who has responsibility for the care of someone—'position of responsibility, position of oversight.' τὴν ἐπισκοπὴν αὐτοῦ λαβέτω ἕτερος 'may someone else take his position of responsibility for the care of (the church)' Ac 1:20. Though in some contexts ἐπισκοπή has been regarded traditionally as a position of authority, in reality the focus is upon the **responsibility** for **caring** for others, . . ." Louw, J. P. & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 462). New York: United Bible Societies.
- b. Second Duty of Elders and the Holy Spirit's **Purpose** for Placing Them in the Midst of the Flock as Overseers: The Words 'to feed' / 'to shepherd' Are the Translation of the Greek Verb (ποιμαίνω) English Transliteration *poimaino* Used Here and the Cognate Noun (ποιμήν) English Transliteration *poimen* Mean to **Tend / Care for** Like a Shepherd cf Gen. 30:31; 1 Sam. 16:11; 25:16; 2 Sam. 7:7; 1 Chr. 11:2 Psalm 151:1; Lk. 17:7; Jn. 21:16; 1 Cor. 9:7; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:2
- 1) The Word Shepherd / Feed (ποιμαίνω) English Transliteration *poimaino* Is in the *Present Tense Form* Indicating That the Duty of Elders to Shepherd Is an **Ongoing, Continual** Responsibility
 - 2) Caring for Sheep Included **Planning** for and Carrying out of the **Feeding** of the Sheep cf Gen. 30:31, 36; 37:2, 13-18; Ex. 3:1 S.S. 1:7-8; 2:16; 6:1-2; Jer. 6:3; Ezk. 34:2,3, 8, 23; Zech. 11:7 Amos 1:2

- c. Theological Impact on Elders and Believers as the Result of God Placing Elders Among Believers to Be 'Overseers' (ἐπίσκοπος)
English Transliteration *episkopos* Elders Are to Labor and Believers Are to Expect and Respect Elders Who Toil to Provide Spiritual **Supervision** and Spiritual **Protection** Which Elders Are to Provide by the *Diligent* **Teaching** of the Word of God and **Prayer** cf Deut. 8:3 Psalm 119:103; Jer. 15:16; Ezk. 2:8-3:3; Mt. 4:4; Jn. 6:63; Acts 20:32 1 Cor. 16:16; Col. 1:28-29; 4:12; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 3:2; 4:13-16 5:17; 2 Tim. 2:2, 24-26; 4:1-2; Titus 1:5-11; 2:1-15; Heb. 5:11-14; 13:7 Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 2:2; 5:1-4; Rev. 10:8-11