

Satan's Temptations

More on the Lusts to Lie and also the lust to be Proud

- I. The specific Lie.
 - 1. Satan is the father of The Lie (Jn. 8:44).
 - 2. The Lie is that you can put anything alongside of God; there is none like Him (Rom. 1:25 cf. 1 Cor. 8:5).
 - 3. It seems that the flesh also produces the lust to lie.
 - 1) During the Millennium Satan is bound (Rev. 20:2).
 - 2) Yet most of those that lie are restricted from the Heavenly New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:27).
- II. The concept of pride is used in different ways and has a variety of meanings.
 - 1. "Take pride in your work," means to do a good job, one that you will not bring you shame.
 - 2. Fleshly pride has the idea of being puffed-up, having a greater opinion of yourself than is warranted, like at Corinth.
 - 1) Puffed-up mentally because they were part of a clique (1 Cor. 4:6; 3:3-4).
 - 2) Puffed-up at their "acceptance" of blatant unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:2).
 - 3) Puffed-up at their practice (1 Cor. 8:1).
 - 4) Puffed-up lacking divinely enabled love (1 Cor. 13:4).
 - 5) Puffed-up by false humility (Col. 2:18).
 - 6) Fleshly "pride," or being puffed-up has the idea of "I am better than you."
- III. Lucifer's fall began with pride (Ez. 28:17).
 - 1. The term for lust of pride from Satan literally means "wrapped in smoke." It is a different word from the one used to describe the lust from the flesh.
 - 2. The use of the term indicates a high-minded, swell-headed, an inflated opinion of ones' Scriptural knowledge and understanding.
 - 3. A new convert in a leadership role, here pastor, is vulnerable to the attack of pride (1 Tim. 3:6).
 - 4. Pride is one motivator behind those that misuse Scripture because of their lack of understanding (1 Tim. 6:4).
 - 5. Pride is a reason in the "last days" in the church they will make up their "own truth" (2 Tim. 3:4).
 - 6. Pride from Satan is the attitude that one has more spiritual knowledge or insight than he/she actually possesses.