

# Elect Deceived – Matthew 24:24

**Is it possible for the “elect” – God’s special people – to be deceived?**

**Matthew 24:24** [Amplified Bible] *“For false Christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive and lead astray, if possible, even the elect, [God’s chosen ones].”*

**This does not say that it is impossible for the elect to be deceived, but it does indicate that God’s people will be a major target for Satan’s ministers, [2 Corinthians 11:14-15].**

**1 Corinthians 10:11-12** [New King James] *“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. **Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.**”*

**We as God’s people of this generation could fail as those in the days of Moses.** Paul is warning those in the church [God’s people] and all Christians in every generation, especially those generations before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. [*“the ends of the ages”* is that whole period between Jesus Christ’s First and Second Coming.]

**1 Corinthians 10:13** [New King James] *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

**Every Christian will face temptations from Satan to sin, and only those who are in a “faith relationship” with God will have the strength to survive those temptations.**

**1 Peter 5:6-9** [New King James] *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”*

**A humble close relationship with God is the only safeguard against the deceptions of Satan and his ministers.**

**Hebrews 6:10-12** [New King James] *“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”*

**God is well aware of all we seek to do to please Him and fulfil our part in His work.**

**Hebrews 6:13-20** [New King James] *“For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, ‘Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.’ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

**The two unchanging things are God's promise and His oath.**

**Exodus 19:5** [New King James] *“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.”*

**It is our humble obedience to this covenant that God makes with us, our side of the covenant being obedience to His laws, that express the very character of God, that make us His people.**

**Matthew 24:4** [New King James] *“And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you.’”*

Remember this was a warning given to His disciples by Jesus Christ, who were asking about signs of His Second Coming.

These end time false prophets were known and referred to by God's true prophets, [**Jeremiah 23:16; Deuteronomy 13:3**].

**There is a dangerous undercurrent in society today that could sweep us away to our death, Satan is that undercurrent.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:7-12** [New King James] *“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”*

**How do we resist this worldwide delusion?**

**1 John 4:1-6** [New King James] *“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”*

**We test which spirit is behind what is being taught as the truth, the spirit of Satan or the Holy Spirit, [John 16:13]. The key is what they teach about Jesus Christ, does it conform totally to what is recorded in God's Word, the Christian Bible, that is inspired by the Holy Spirit, [2 Peter 1:19-21]?**

**Colossians 1:12-13** [New King James] *“giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,”*

We have to continue to walk in the light, [**1 John 1:7; 1 John 2:8-11**]. **This is expressed in our love for all human beings.**

**Such a life can have no fellowship with those still in the dark, [2 Corinthians 6:14-18] but expose the influence that Satan has over them.**

**Ephesians 5:8-14** [New King James] *“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),*

*finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: 'Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.'*"

**Our changed lives are to be a light to all who still walk in darkness, [Matthew 5:14-16] and we receive this light from Jesus Christ, [John 8:12].**

**Matthew 24:42** [New King James] *"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."*

**We are to watch, in two ways, first that we are walking constantly in the light, and also as we see the events of Matthew 24:4-14 unfold before our eyes, to avoid our love for God and all humanity will not "grow cold" and we return to the dark deception of Satan that Jesus Christ brought us out of, [1 Thessalonians 5:5-11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; John 15:1-20].**