



The Lakeland Hills Leader

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Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Study
9:50 AM Worship
5:00 PM Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Study

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The Deep Things of Satan

“In Too Deep.” We use this phrase in a variety of contexts. Maybe we’re referring to someone being found too far in the water who doesn’t know how to swim. Maybe we’re discussing a habit we’ve picked up that has caused us to be in over our heads. This phrase was once used as a title of a song written by the once popular punk rock band Sum 41. Though not likely to be the source of coveted wisdom, the former rockers bring about a captivating thought. The lyrics of this song express the idea that the writer is so consumed by his problems that he is doing all he can to keep himself from “going under.” As I reflect on this deep concept (pun intended), I can’t help but wonder - how many of us have felt this way? How many of us feel as if we are into the ways of the world so deep that all we are trying to do on a daily basis is to keep ourselves from going under?

If we feel this way, how did we get to that point? In Revelation chapter 2, the Lord is talking to the church at Thyatira and refers to this concept of being in too deep. He says in verse 24 that there were some in Thyatira who had not yet learned the “deep things of Satan.” Jesus mentions at the beginning of the verse that those who knew these “deep things of Satan” were those holding on to a false teaching. What was the problem? How is it that they got in too deep? Does our downfall echo that of the Thyatirans? Our problem seems to mimic very closely that of those in Thyatira, and that is that we won’t let go of Satan’s lies! Just like those in Thyatira, often times we find a lie of the devil that we like and hold onto it. Before we know it, we are in way over our heads. We find ourselves lost in the “deep things of Satan.”

Recognizing that you’re overwhelmed with the deep things of Satan is not something you want to come to grips with, but it’s something to which we all can relate. We’ve all been there at some point or another – so lost in deep darkness that we didn’t even know where to begin to escape. The question we must ask ourselves today is this – where am I now? Am I still involved with the deep things of Satan? Do I even want to escape?

There are those who have no desire to come up for air, but are perfectly content with sinking deeper and deeper until they drown in the darkness and lies of the devil. Just as Job mentions in Job 24:17, “they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness” (ESV). The deeper we get into his lies, the more confused we become. We can’t even tell darkness from light (Is. 5:20). We get so deep that we don’t even know that we need to escape, and we stay there, lost in the depths of Satan.

Maybe you’re there. Maybe you’ve been content in the depths of his lies. Maybe now, for a brief moment, you see a glimmer of light, a beacon of hope that you can be what God wants you to be. If your answer to the question of whether or not you want to escape is “yes,” go to the light! The confusion and darkness we experience as followers of the devil can and will be illuminated by God’s light and God’s light alone. Job says in Job 12:22, “He uncovers the deeps out of darkness, and brings deep darkness to light” (ESV). Isaiah, in foretelling the coming and influence of Christ, says in Isaiah 9:2, “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined” (ESV).

Satan wants to keep us drowning in his darkness. He wants to keep us locked in the depths of his ways and he wants us to be content there. But Christ has come to bring clarity. He's come to bring light. He's come to open our eyes to what Satan is really accomplishing and He has come to give us a way of escape (Acts 26:16-18).

Evaluate yourself. Are you in too deep? Do you want to escape the deep things of Satan? There is a way of escape. Stop drowning in the depths of Satan's lies and start living in the truth of Christ.

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