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**Mask**

John 10:8-10 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (KJV)

This week we will uncover the many masks of satan; and for those that have the eyes of their understanding enlightened to the truth, they will not have the wool, or veil pulled over their eyes. In order to live an abundant life in the Spirit you will need to no longer allow the enemy to rob you blind.

Have you ever noticed when a thief pulls off a heist they put a mask on to cover their true identity? The Lord and His people are able to see right through these carnal facades which manifest in the form of man’s religions and doctrines and like verse 8 alludes to; all those that put themselves or their own names before the Lord’s are not going to end up in a good place.

Isaiah 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (KJV)

It’s the pits for those that think they know better than God, those who try to distort His plan of salvation by diverting attention from God back to man. I have noticed the truth being masked by many who have the audacity to put their own names on their ministries. The truth is, they are actually attempting to put their own names above the name which is above every name and that just doesn’t fly through the Lord’s spiritual radar, nor should it through yours.

John 5:40-43 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. 41 I receive not honor from men. 42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. 43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (KJV)

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth will speak; when you see any other name attached to a ministry, it’s telling you whose ministry it really is. There is only one mediator God gives ear to and that is the man Christ Jesus sitting to His right, and not all the other pretenders who will end up left out.

John 5:44-45 How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. (KJV)

The devil is described as the accuser of the brethren and we see clearly through the masks of man that those that seek their honor and rewards here on earth will end up convicted and sentenced to an eternity of despair.

Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (KJV)

Clearly seen, there is a difference between those that exalt themselves, and those the Lord exalts; Jesus Christ is still seated above while all others are sent packing. In conclusion, if someone decides to put their name above the Lord’s it would do you well to move on. God bless and don’t settle for less.