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**T**hese days there are many who twist the scriptures to prove their point. There are some who want to say that homosexuality is OK in God's eyes when they use Ruth and Naomi as an example. They do not include that Ruth was Naomi's daughter-in-law and that she was taking care of her mother-in-law. Also they do not include that Ruth later married Boaz. There is no mention in the scriptures that Ruth and Naomi had a lesbian relationship.

Of course they will always leave out where God reigned down fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah. The ones who use the Bible out of context are liars who want to deceive the ones who have never read the Bible. For instance, there are some churches that have ordained homosexual preachers contrary to God's holy word.

There are others who twist the scripture to justify all sorts of sin. Satan is the orchestrator of this deception. He is a liar from the beginning and he is the one who is the expert of deception. The ones who are attempting to justify their sin are the servants of Satan, and they do not realize who they are listening to.

Just like Eve listened to the serpent, the ones who use the Bible to justify their sin are heeding the same wicked being.

### **Genesis 3:1-24**

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had

made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast

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naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man

is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Here we see how Satan uses the Word of God and twists it for his own deceptive purposes. His goal in the temptation was to show that everyone is susceptible to his temptation. This was done after he was able to deceive a third of the angels in heaven.

### **Revelation 12:1-10**

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

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7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

We see that Satan is the ultimate deceiver who was even able to deceive the angels in heaven. His deceptions are so great that many Christians are deceived by him without even knowing it. There are preachers who are preaching just to increase their coffers. They preach a message of prosperity while telling the audience that the Lord will increase their wealth if they give their all to their specific ministry. These preachers are not preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Apostles, but they are deceivers who just want to increase their own wealth on the backs of the people.

Satan and his agents have always used God's word to deceive those who are not prepared for their deceptive practices. They practice their message delivery for hours always using God's Word as a base for compelling the audience to send their hard earned funds to their ministry. Many of the deceived end up sending the rent and food money in to the ministry. Afterwards they're disappointed that they don't have enough to eat and cannot even pay their rent.

Some even quote where the first century

church gave their all to the ministry. They fail to say that the first century church was a socialistic society where all things were held in common.

Other examples of twisting the scripture occurred during this past presidential campaign. Both candidates were trying to use the Bible to compel Christian voters to vote for them. I noticed that both candidates running for president were using the same tactics that Satan used where they would question what the opponent said. Or they would say, "Jesus would have been a democrat." With both the Republicans and the Democrats lying and deceiving, Jesus would have probably have called them both the son's of Satan just like he called the Scribes and the Pharisees.

Twisting the Bible to sway voters to vote for a particular candidate is using the same technique that Satan used on Eve. So you can see that just as it was in Jesus' day it is the same today where both the religious establishment and the political establishment follow the ways of their father the devil.

The Christian needs to put on the whole armor of God to protect himself from all of the wiles of the devil.

### **Ephesians 6:11-18**

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt

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about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Only by using all of the tools that the Lord gives us can we protect ourselves from the subtlety used by those who want to deceive you. Only Jesus can help you to discern the truth from the lie when the liar is using all of the tools of their father the devil.

Jesus wants his saints to be wise to the ways of the world so that they will not be swayed by

the various methods used by the children of the world. Both candidates called themselves Christian, but were either really Christian when they used lies and deception to make people want to vote for them?

Is the preacher who is lining his pockets with a lot of money, a Christian or a son of Satan? Jesus called the religious leaders of his day sons of Satan and many are the same today.

So both the political and the religious establishment who want to have power over the flock are followers of their father the devil. While they use all of the tools of the devil to accomplish their mission, the Christian should use the whole armor of God to protect himself from the devilish onslaught.

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