

Why the Enemy Appears as an Angel of Light

The very name Lucifer is taken from the word *light* or *luciferous*, which means “bringing light” or “illumination.” In Satan’s case, it is a false light—one that deceives rather than illuminates the truth.

The reason the enemy appears as an angel of light is because he imitates God. Satan wants us to believe that he is as powerful as God. The Bible does describe him as the “god of this world,” and there are millions of people who unknowingly follow him and his leading each and every day.

Paul, however, was intent on bringing true light with the gospel message. He reminds each one of us that we were once “dead in [our] trespasses and sins, in which [we] formerly walked according to the age of this world and according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience: (Ephesians 2:1-2).

However, the fact is that Christ has set us free from the bondage of sin. This does not give us the occasion to boast or to drop our guard. Every gift God gives, Satan counterfeits. Every blessing God provides, Satan seeks to pervert and distort. Every miracle the Lord performs, Satan tries to imitate.

Godly discernment is one of the most powerful tools available to the believer. If you feel as though the enemy is deceiving you, pray and ask God to open your eyes to His truth.

Prayer: Father, please open my eyes to Your truth, so I may overcome any areas where the enemy is deceiving me. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen. {eo}