

***SILENCE* Deception**

The film *Silence* comes at an amazing time in this spiritual battle of which we're apart. I don't recommend seeing this movie in that it is a MASTERPIECE of spiritual deception.

The main appeal voiced in the medium is this: *Christians, be willing to RECANT! Public rejection of your Lord and your faith – if persecution comes your way – is acceptable by God. It's okay to deny Jesus Christ because God is merciful and will safely see believers home.**

You see, this is yet another example of **half-truth** deception, deceit which satan has, as the master deceiver, perfected.

Yes, God is merciful and will surely see His people Home. But just who are His genuine people in Jesus Christ? We are those who go on to lovingly obey Him once we are new creatures in Christ – Galatians 2:20 – whereby we are **loved by the Father** and brought into eternal relationship with Him upon our glorification (see John 14 – 17). God is also LORD God of heaven and earth and as such, His kind messages – His FULL Word of Counsel – is to be obeyed ... Counsel which includes this:

READ Matthew 24:9-13 & Hebrews 10:19-39.

In these life-saving passages we find these words, ones which **must be included** in our worldview (as followers of our Master, Christ Jesus) IF we are to be balanced children of God in His beloved Son:

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of **endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: *“For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”* But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe **to the saving of the soul**. (NKJV ; emphases ours)

In application ...

DO NOT FALL AWAY. Do NOT apostatize! Do NOT fall prey to the deceit expressed in the film. In total contrast, **honor the FULL revelation of God** by heeding His Word, **not** by picking and choosing to accept only the Bible passages we like. We are accountable to Him. God is not mocked. Proper walk in Christ includes **enduring to the end**.

In the context of our Lord's appeal to fear God, we find this sobering (most serious) Truth:

“Also I [Jesus] say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.” Luke 12:8, 9 (NKJV)

This paragraph goes on to bring illumination as to how we can be victorious in the context of persecution, so read on – read verses 10 – 12! But Christ Jesus doesn't leave it at that! Our Lord goes on to teach:

“Salt *is* good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is nether fit for the land nor for the dunghill, *but* men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Luke 14:34, 25 ; NKJV)

May we heed this pertinent warning today.

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* What does the FULL Counsel of the Word of God say on this matter? His Word includes warning against apostasy and a call to **overcome / stay true**.

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