

Colossians - Chapter 2

“Getting Wrapped Up in Angels”

Colossians 2:18

Verse 18

1. Now we come to another problem that was threatening this church - the issue of religious mysticism. This is a belief that a person can tap into the invisible _____ world and have contact with spirit-beings.
2. Obviously, there were people at Colosse that were claiming to have had contact and experiences with angels.
3. Paul addresses this subject in a very straightforward manner. Believers had better take heed to Paul's instruction, lest you be deceived by Satan.
4. Paul basically gives three reasons why these false teachers had become engrossed in religious mysticism and angels.

A. First reason - they had been _____. vs. 18

- The word “*beguile*” means “to _____.” It carries the idea of taking something away from someone on false pretences, or by deceiving them.
- What these false teachers were saying sounded good. It appealed to the emotions, senses, mind, and _____.
- Paul says, “It is all a deceptive sham, and they are threatening to cause you to lose your reward.”
- Satan loves nothing more than when believers get caught up in _____ experiences, rather than focusing on God's Word and their completeness in Christ.

B. Second reason - they possessed a _____ humility.

- Humility is a good attribute, but here it is bad. It was a **false** humility.

- Religion says, “You're not _____ enough to approach God in worship. You must perform our mystical rites and rituals. You must go through our religious leaders, or through dead saints, or through angels to approach God.”
- This is a false humility, and leads people to get wrapped up in seeking angelic experiences, and mystical, supernatural experiences.
- False humility says, “I'm not good enough to approach God, so I'll start with one of His angels.” There is _____ mediator between God and men - Jesus Christ. 1 Timothy 2:5
- Trying to approach God any other way than through His Son is _____.

C. Third reason - they were intruding into areas that were

_____.

- These believers that had become engrossed with angels were intruding into areas where they didn't belong, and were obviously claiming to have seen angels.
- But, God's Word says that they **didn't** see them. Whatever they claimed to see was not from God, and was _____ one of God's angels. It was counterfeit.
- God's Word _____ any type of attempt to communicate with spirit-beings or the departed spirits of people. Deuteronomy 18:9-14
- In this dispensation, there is no need for a believer to see or communicate with an angel. We walk by _____ in Christ and His Word, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7