ANOTHER SIGN THAT IDENTIFIES THE SEED OF THE SERPENT

Shalom, beloved of God.
Welcome again as we reflect on the Word of God. Today, we'll consider a striking characteristic that identifies those who belong to what Scripture calls "the seed of the serpent" — a lineage not of physical descent, but of spiritual rebellion (Genesis 3:15).

The Bible tells us that some people continue in deliberate sin despite knowing God's righteous decree. They are aware that those who practice such things deserve death, and yet not only do they continue in them, they even approve of others who do the same. Paul describes this sobering reality in

> *Romans 1:32 (ESV):*
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> "Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them

> but give approval to those who practice them.”

This spiritual deadness is a clear sign of those who resist the truth, suppressing it for the sake of their own desires. Let us now look at a powerful biblical example that demonstrates how such rebellion can persist, even in the face of divine revelation.

The Guards at the Tomb (Matthew 28:1–5, 11–15, ESV)

> “Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.”
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> (v.11–15)
> “Some of the guard went into the city and told the chief

> priests all that had taken place.
> And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said,
> ‘Tell people, “His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.”
> And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.’
> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.”

The guards at the tomb experienced a supernatural event that left them physically paralyzed — *“like dead men.”* The presence of the angel and the shaking of the earth were visible signs of God’s power. And yet, despite seeing with their own eyes the reality of Jesus’ resurrection, they chose to accept bribes and spread lies.

This is not just historical betrayal — it reflects a spiritual truth. These men saw the truth and rejected it. Jesus described such people in

> *John 3:19–20 (ESV):*
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> “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.”

The seed of the serpent operates under this spirit of rebellion. Even when faced with overwhelming evidence of God’s power, they will suppress the truth for the sake of worldly gain — as did Judas, and as did the guards.

Contrast this with Saul of Tarsus (later Paul). Like the guards, Saul encountered a supernatural vision of Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3–6). But unlike the guards, he responded with repentance and transformation. He became a servant of the very Jesus he had persecuted.
This is the difference between the seed of God and the seed of the serpent: the former is marked by humility, repentance, and obedience, while the latter is marked by stubbornness, deceit, and love of the world.

God Still Reveals Himself Today

There are many today who have had powerful encounters with God:

- Some have seen visions or had vivid dreams of Christ.
- Others have been rescued from death or delivered from impossible situations.
- Some have received answers to prayers in ways that can only be explained by divine intervention.

These individuals wept, trembled, and promised to follow God forever. But just a short time later, some return to sin, forsaking the vows they made in fear and awe.

This proves a crucial point: signs and wonders alone do not

produce true conversion. Jesus Himself said in

> *Luke 16:31 (ESV):*
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> “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”

Even the greatest miracles will not change a heart that is not willing to submit to God.

That’s why Jesus said to Thomas in

> *John 20:29 (ESV):*
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> “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Faith that rests solely on experiences or emotions can fade. But

faith grounded in the Word of God and rooted in the fear of the Lord endures.

A Warning and an Invitation

Friend, perhaps you're still living in rebellion, though God has revealed Himself to you in unmistakable ways.
Don't assume you will keep getting chances. There is a limit to how many times the Holy Spirit will convict before He departs.

Jesus gave a stern warning in Matthew 11:21–24, saying that the cities of Tyre, Sidon, and even Sodom would fare better on the Day of Judgment than the towns that witnessed His miracles but did not repent.
That warning applies to us, too. If you have seen God's hand and still turn away, your judgment may be more severe than that of those who never knew.

Today Is the Day to Return

God does not call you to repentance to rob you of joy — He calls because He loves you.

He desires that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).
He calls you away from hell — not to harm you, but to save you.

So repent. Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). Begin living a life of true salvation in this short time we have left before the return of Christ.

Don’t let yourself become part of the seed of the serpent — those who see the truth but resist it. I believe you are different. I believe that today, you will hear this message, repent, and turn fully to Christ.

Be blessed, and please share this message with others.
The Lord will surely bless you as you do.

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