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Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God's wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things. (Eph 5:3-6, CSB)

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Teacher Notes

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Ask the student: does Elymas believe in Jesus Christ?

Elymas, a non-Believer under the influence of Satan, sought to deceive the government official about the truth of Jesus Christ and the gospel. An example of deceiving someone about the truth is to convince someone that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God.

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Ask the student: did you notice that Satan and his demons put on two main disguises?

Satan disguises himself as a good angel, and his demons disguise themselves as false Christians.

Ask the student: can you tell who is a false Christian?

It's difficult and never certain. Deceitful people can tell you anything to gain your trust. It takes time to evaluate someone's behavior to see if they line up with God's word. Only God knows who is a genuine Believer.

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Ask the student: what does it mean to sacrifice to demons?

Satan and his demons try to get you to worship them through other religions or things like money or power.

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Inform the student: when Christians don't know God or His word, the Bible, they continue to behave sinfully by being immoral or greedy.

When you don't know God's word, Satan and his demons take advantage by deceiving you so that you think it's OK to be immoral or greedy. You end up disobeying God and His word and failing His standard of being holy as He is holy.

5. What can you do to protect yourself?

Read this biblical passage to the student:

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation take up **the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one**. Take **the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God**. (Eph 5:10-17, CSB)

Faith is all about knowing God and placing a trust in His word. The strength of your shield depends on the strength of your faith in God.

Salvation is knowing that Jesus died for your sins and learning to desire what Jesus desires frees you from the power of sinful desires. This increases the strength of your helmet.

How well you know the Bible and live by it, strengthens the sword of the Spirit, which enables you to resist Satan and his demons.