

THE STRANGE DIVERSION

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Prayer

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Bible text:2 Timothy 4:3-4 NKJV [3] For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; [4] and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Introduction

This teaching can be a bit lengthy, let's read carefully as it has been given to me by the Holy Spirit since a long time ago, and today we'd be having it even as the Lord will open our understanding to eternal mysteries

Study

Strange – Something unusual, unfamiliar, or not ordinary. In a biblical or spiritual context, it often refers to something **not from God**, or **foreign** to God's truth (e.g., strange doctrines, strange fire).

Diversion – A turning away or distraction from the original path or focus. It means being misled or redirected from truth or purpose. So,

“Strange Diversion” refers to **an unusual or ungodly turning away** from sound doctrine, truth, or the right path — especially towards things that **seem appealing but are spiritually**

dangerous. Many of the things people in this generation suffer are as a result of the strange and veiled diversion that has occurred even before them, and some are as a result of the decisions made by many in this generation with their own hands. One thing about God is that He never forces anyone to do anything; we are all the products of our decisions. Whenever there's a major road construction going on, we'd see signposts pointing towards a nearby road saying **Diversion!** By this, drivers know that they are to follow a specific route other than the common one. That is the same way we have diversions today in Christendom which are strange to the body but have been adopted by many as another way to the kingdom of God. These are in the form of another doctrine, another gospel, another Jesus, etc.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 (KJV): “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” This means their attention shall be diverted from the truth. Let's compare this with **Jeremiah 6:16 (KJV):** “Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” If we carefully look into these two verses of the scriptures, we'd see that they are talking about the same thing.

One can deliberately choose to walk in the path that God hates. For the word of God to say a time will come when people will not endure sound teachings, which is the old path on which they are supposed to seek for and walk in, and in their refusal to walk in it they give themselves to fables, which means their ways have been diverted from the true way to the false. When something is far from the truth or not from God, it is strange. I was teaching

recently, and I told the people that everyone on earth has a destiny, and our destinies are not the same. If we are one million, our destinies will still differ. So, when a person is redirected away from his divine purpose, that destiny has been diverted. For instance, if someone who is meant to be a doctor becomes a mechanic, that is diversion. But today, we are talking about **the strange diversion** — an unusual or ungodly turning away from sound doctrine, truth, or the right path, especially toward things that seem appealing but are spiritually dangerous. Praise God. We are talking about **the strange diversion** in our walk with Christ. As children of God, there is a particular way God wants us to walk, but the devil tries to change our direction. Our destination as believers is heaven. Let's assume a straight road leads to heaven. If Satan diverts someone to another direction, can that person still reach heaven? No. Even if he insists on getting there by force, he won't, because he's facing the wrong direction. There's nothing Satan seeks to accomplish in the life of a man than to redirect his ways from the right path.

Are you following me carefully?

Many people today are on the wrong path, no longer following the road to heaven because there is a strange diversion. Their ways have been turned away from the truth. Now listen. The devil has done much in this generation to divert people, especially the young. When he captures a person early, that person can influence others to follow the wrong path. That's why the devil often targets children. Once he redirects one, others will follow. Comparing **2 Timothy 4:3-4** and **Jeremiah 6:16**. **2 Timothy 4:3-4** says: *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.* (KJV) They will reject the truth. When you show them what

God's Word says, they will say, "I don't want." The scripture says, "after their own lusts." Lust here means uncontrolled desire or passion. They will seek teachers who will tell them what they want to hear. If I were to stand here and say fornication is not a sin, or that stealing small things is not a sin, this place would be full. People love to hear such things because it allows them to live as they please. The Bible says they will heap for themselves teachers. Today, there are many teachers for every desire. If you want to hear about prosperity, you will find teachers who talk only about money. If you want motivational speeches, you will find preachers who focus only on that. That is the strange diversion — turning away from sound doctrine to teachings that please the flesh. There are churches you can go to where you will hear them. When you want to hear about faith, only faith, they do not talk about sin.

You can still be drinking beer, lying, and behaving like a tout, yet say you have faith in God. There are churches that preach such messages because the time has come when people don't want to hear sound doctrine. What do they do? They heap for themselves teachers having itching ears. What are itching ears? Ears that itch. You know when your ear itches and you use something like a broomstick to scratch it — it feels pleasurable. That's how these people are. They seek teachers who make them feel good with their words. They say, "Ah, this message is good," because it pleases their emotions. But the reason they enjoy it is because it is not sound teaching. It is not what God wants them to hear — it is what they want to hear.

If I decide to attend a church that talks only about entertainment — football, sports, Chelsea, Manchester United, Barcelona — I'll be happy there because that's what I like to hear. The Bible says they have itching ears and will turn their ears away from the truth. They prefer to enjoy what suits their desires — the lusts of

their hearts. So they turn their ears away from the truth. That is a strange diversion. Diversion means turning away. The truth is here, but they choose not to hear it. They have turned away from the truth, from the right path. The Bible continues, “**And shall be turned aside unto fables.**” Since they reject the truth, they turn to falsehood. When you turn your ears away from the truth, you will end up listening to lies — things that do not help your life or prepare you for heaven. Our main goal as Christians is to make heaven. So, any teaching that does not prepare you for heaven is a fable — mere stories, tales that sound good but have no spiritual value. Any message or preaching that does not point your heart to God and His kingdom is like the story of the tortoise and the hare — “**Ijapa ti n roko oko yanibo**” It entertains but cannot save the soul.

And can that take you to heaven? No! How many of you want to go to hell? None, right? Everyone wants to go to heaven because you know heaven is a place of eternal joy, while hell is a place of destruction, torment, gnashing of teeth, and thick darkness. It is a bottomless pit — a place with an entry but no exit. The Bible says they will turn their ears away from the truth that leads to heaven and turn instead to **Ijapa ti n roko ok yanibo** — stories that lead to hell. That is what it means by a strange diversion. Who turned their ears away from the truth? Themselves. It is a personal decision. The devil doesn’t force them. By their own choice, they reject truth and turn to fables. If you are with me, kindly say... *I will not resist the truth*

Now, let’s look at **Jeremiah 6:16**: **Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.** The Lord said, “**Stand in the way, and see, and ask for the old paths.**” What are these old paths? The godly ways our fathers walked in. He said, don’t seek

new paths — Satan has created many new paths — but ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Why? Because every path leads somewhere. The good path leads to eternal rest. God says, “**Walk in that path, and you will find rest for your soul.**” If you want your soul to rest in heaven, follow that old, good path. But if you turn toward the new ways of the world — teachings that please the flesh — you’re walking toward destruction. Yet, look at what people said: “**We will not walk therein.**” That is exactly what happens today. God shows people the right path, but they refuse. They prefer the modern, comfortable way — the strange diversion. They gather teachers who tell them only what they want to hear.

Just recently, someone asked me, “**Is wearing high heels a sin?**” He said it depends on motive — that if a woman wears them without wanting to seduce anyone, it’s not a sin that all that matters is motives. I replied with a question: “**If a church needs a generator, and someone decides to steal money to buy it, using all the stolen money for that purpose — is it still not sin?**” Even a person with the Holy Spirit knows the Spirit would never approve stealing to help the church. A wrong act cannot be justified by a good motive. Likewise, sin cannot be made holy by intention. The Holy Spirit never supports compromise. Those who turn from truth justify sin in the name of motive — that is the strange diversion God is warning against. That is why any Christian who does not read the Word of God will soon find sin normal. And the moment sin becomes normal to that Christian, that is the end — such a person has already given himself or herself to a strange diversion.

Around the 1970s, any lady who wore trousers was considered a prostitute. Even in the early 2000s, when I was young, unbelieving girls never wore trousers or short skirts. Their skirts were always below the knees. Even those living in open sin, such

as fornication, dressed decently. They would never expose their bodies or wear revealing clothes. If you saw a woman in trousers, people immediately knew, **“She’s a prostitute.”** That was their identity then. But Satan began his strange diversion gradually. Little by little, through his agents, he introduced the fashion of trousers among women. At first, it seemed strange; then it began to spread slowly. By the time I was in secondary school — around 2006 to 2012 — it had become common. In those days, our school regulations required girls’ skirts to be below the knees and not tight. But gradually, Satan’s agenda crept in. Short skirts and trousers began to appear, and people started accepting it. In fact, girls wore skirts for sporting events but gradually it has changed.

Over time, what was once strange became popular. As it became popular in the world, foolish Christians began to adopt it. Eventually, it found its way into the church. When sin becomes popular, it stops looking like sin. That is how compromise entered the church. Today, even some pastor’s wives, who claim to serve on the altar, now dress carelessly every their children because they were born into this era of moral decline. Those who were born into it never saw the old standard. To them, short and tight skirts and tight trousers look normal because they grew up seeing them. But the Bible says, **“Stand in the way, and see, and ask for the old paths, the good way, and walk in it.”** We must return to the old path — the godly way. Have you ever sat down to ask how this culture of immodesty began? It was Satan’s long-term plan — a strange diversion. Before, people didn’t use artificial eyelashes. Then Satan started little by little — small lashes at first — until they became long and exaggerated. Even Christians began fixing them, saying it was no longer sin because it had become popular. Some now wear lashes so long they can almost fan another person with them. Strange diversion!

If you are with me say, Satan will not get me. Get set, Satan's strategies are getting exposed now, follow carefully!

Whenever Satan wants to derail a particular generation, he does not seek to do it instantly because he knows it will be difficult and almost impossible. What he does is that he'd put it in his long-term agenda. Let's assume he wants a generation to move out of God's order of walking with both feet as humans and he wants them to start crawling like four-footed beasts, he would not seek to achieve that with this our present generation. He can make it a year 2050 agenda... Then he'd start his homework right with this generation.

He would start by sending his demons out into the world who are in human forms. These human-like demons can come in form of worldly stars, very popular! And they would start by bending a little while walking, calling it swag... Then by 2035, when that so-called swag has become popular and well accepted by many — even those who call themselves Christians but are ignorant — he then brings in another swag which makes people bend to their kneel level while walking. Then, after this gets popular and accepted, seen as normal — which can run for 10 years — when another generation is born to find it as swag and a trend, then he goes ahead to release the already planned swag, which was his long-time agenda, and people would then begin to use both hands to crawl. Because by then, it will not be too strange to do so since what was earlier practiced was close to it.

Do you get the strategy? That was the strategy he used to derail many in this generation without their knowledge, and this is because they did not seek and ask for the old ways which is good and appropriate for them. Satan makes the old ways look uncivilized and foolish to a generation that chooses to be wise in

their own eyes. *Do you now understand Satan's strategies and how this generation got to this level of high moral decay?*

Many of the hairstyles and fashion trends we see today did not exist before. I remember the first time I saw one of these strange hairstyles— **ponk** around 2017 or 2018 — I was shocked. I asked myself, “**What kind of hairstyle is this?**” It was clear — another evidence of Satan’s strange diversion. Today, there are even pop stars whose hairstyles are now seen on the altar. I was shocked when I first saw them and wondered, what kind of hairstyle is this? Gradually, it started becoming normal. Soon, I began to see many people, even those who call themselves Christians, wearing such styles. Now, it has become the order of the day.

I even saw someone whose hairstyle was shaped like a coffin — and they called it fashion. Such things are strange diversions. They are the works of Satan, but people don’t know it. Because you were born into this system, you may think it is normal, but it is not. You never asked for the old path as the Bible commanded. You are simply walking straight into destruction. Strange diversions are everywhere today. For example, some women take money their husbands give them for school fees and use it for cooperative savings instead, planning to pay later after receiving interest on the money. They see it as wisdom, but it’s disobedience and deceit. Strange diversion. What was once seen as wrong is now seen as smart living. Look at how secondary school girls now dress — their uniforms are tight and short, hardly reaching the knees. Some schools even allow female students to use hair attachments.

The same spirit of diversion has affected even men’s clothing. Today, women wear suits and dress like men, while some men wear earrings and braid their hair, which ought not to be done by even women. This is all part of Satan’s long-term agenda to

confuse identity and destroy godly order. Strange diversion has also affected how women see themselves. Feminism has been taught as a normal ideology, even in schools. When I was in university, I was taught feminism — that women are equal to men and should not be seen as second-class. But the Bible says the man is the head of the woman. Satan started this movement long ago and built it gradually until it became part of education. Now, when a woman marries, she resists her husband's authority, claiming to know her rights. This rebellion against divine order is one reason many homes are breaking apart.

God established order in the family: Wives, submit to your own husbands; husbands, love your wives. God never said the husband should submit to his wife. When that order is broken, peace disappears. Many single mothers today are victims of this strange diversion — not because God planned it, but because they disobeyed His order and followed worldly teachings. Even in schools, strange diversions abound. Girls are now taught “**family planning**” and sexual awareness programs that subtly encourage immorality. Instead of teaching abstinence, they teach, “**If you can't abstain, use protection.**” But the Bible says, **Flee fornication.** The world now teaches that sin is normal as long as it's “**safe.**” But there's no safety in sin — only destruction.

This strange diversion is everywhere. In some nations, men now marry men, and women marry women. What was once an abomination has become “**normal.**” They say, “**Don't judge.**” But the Word of God has already judged such acts. Even advertisements now promote nudity — something unthinkable decades ago. In the 1980s, women in soap adverts were decently dressed. Today, they appear half-naked. It didn't happen overnight; it was Satan's gradual corruption — strange diversion. Even mannequins displayed nakedly in shops contribute to lust and moral decay. Anything that promotes nudity or temptation is

sinful, no matter how harmless it seems. But today, the world calls it normal. Strange diversion. If you want to practice true Christianity in this end time and make heaven, follow God's instruction in **Jeremiah 6:16: Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein.** Ask how the early believers lived — how they dressed, behaved, and honored God. Did they expose their bodies? Did they wear seductive clothes or live carelessly? No. Today, even gospel singers who claim to be anointed wear earrings, dye their hair, and follow worldly trends. But the Bible says, **Try the spirits whether they are of God.** There are false prophets, false evangelists, and even false gospel singers. Not every spirit is of God. The spirit behind such is the spirit of Lucifer.

Satan is not joking; he is on a mission to drag souls to hell. If you take your soul lightly, you are in danger. That is why you must be serious about your walk with God and beware of strange diversions. In the past, only prostitutes wore high heels because they were meant to attract attention with seductive movement. Today, many Christian women wear them to church, calling it fashion or class. It is nothing but a strange diversion — Satan's deception repackaged. So, beware of strange diversions. How can you escape them? Be genuinely born again and stay focused on heaven. Decide that heaven is a must for you. When your heart is fixed on eternity, the world's fashion and deception will lose their appeal.

People will mock you for living differently. They'll call you names — “**pastor,**” “**mother of Jesus**” — but ignore them. The abnormality that is normal to them is an abomination before God. Stand firm. May you not go to hellfire in Jesus' name

We have come to the end of this teaching

Let's pray:

Father, help me. In any way I am walking on the path of destruction, bring me back, O Lord, in the name of Jesus. If I have been diverted from the path of heaven, restore me, Lord. Is sin becoming normal to me? Have mercy on me, Lord. Deliver me and set my heart on the path of righteousness, in Jesus' name.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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