Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DELUSION

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STRONG DELUSION

- When the backslidden Christian has rejected truth, which has been given by God through his Word the Bible, there is a judgment from God called *strong delusion*. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12
- However, this strong delusion is not going to overtake the Christian in a split second, it might take years before the Christian is totally deteriorated and his spirit is so dull, that there is no spiritual discernment left. Strong delusion can be likened to Alzheimer's disease. A person afflicted with this disease will know they have it and that there is no medical cure for it. This disease will cause them to lose their memory over time and will deteriorate until one day it is totally gone.
- The same is true for the spiritual deterioration. To begin with the Christian will know and acknowledge that he has a spiritual problem, but in his anger, resentment and a general bad attitude he makes a decision of not caring and with the attitude *"let it rip!"* There is less and less prayer, showing up late for church services, not attending prayer meetings, building up a rebellious attitude, cussing, using other foul language, gossip, slander, eating junk food and not caring about it, picking up old bad habits, etc.
- God spoke to the prophet Ezekiel and showed him what will happen when a man or woman of God decides to backslide. **Ezekiel 44:4-16**

IT HAPPENED TO KING AHAB

- □ The sin of King Ahab. 1 Kings 21:1-16
- □ The judgment and the sentence. verses 17-23
- □ The execution. 1 Kings 22:12-38
- Jezebel was executed some time later. 2 Kings 9:30-37
- □ Do you have enough understanding that you do not mock God, but worship him with reverence and godly fear? **Hebrews 12:18-29**

Do you have an ear to hear with?