

The Matchmaker II Cor 11:1-12
(The foolishness of the apostle) (1)

The burden of the apostle- The reason for the lapse into folly

The jealousy of the apostle—stay with the one to whom you are espoused (2)

The stages of Jewish marriage—arrangement, betrothal, consummation

(3) ... lest by any means...your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity (simple singleness) that is in Christ

Rev 2: 4 (Ephesus) ...I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love.

■ **Jealousy** is a righteous concern over being replaced from a position you should rightly hold
(Envy is wanting something you are not entitled to or worthy of)

■ **Apprehension of an inappropriate rival**

- A good husband would be jealous over his beloved wife
- A true patriot would be jealous over his nation's enemies
- A good parent would be jealous over a subversive influence

Dangerous “Rivals”---“the serpent”(3)

(3) But I fear(I am alarmed), lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety (hard work “spinning”), so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity(singleness) that is in Christ

He questioned God's word ...has God said....
He denied God's word ...you shall not die...
He substituted his own lies ...you shall be like a god...

1. Another (different) Jesus-“whom we have not preached”

the true Jesus: affirmed the scriptures, brings salvation by grace through faith

- false: less than 100% God and 100% man
- false: less than sinless
- crucified, risen, coming again
- singularly sufficient (Jesus alone + or – **nothing**)

2. Another (strange) spirit (a spirit not received from your true Savior)

I Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

II Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

3. Another gospel (altered or strange) gospel

Gal 1: 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

If it's new- it's not true

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence you are fallen, and repent