

FREE FROM LIES

(2 Thess. 2:9-14)

Introduction:

1. One of the most painful and destructive of sins is the lie. Societies crumble and souls are lost because of the lies of the tongue. Lies create doubt, anger, division; yet God has given all mankind the means of being free from lies = THE Truth!
2. Via the truth, we can be saved and live our lives free from lies.
3. Let us consider the commands/principles involved, the instruction we have been given, and the ultimate goal of Christians being free from lies.

Discussion:

I. Commands/Principles.

- A. From Genesis to Revelation.
 1. Although technically the first law prohibiting lying is found in Ex. 20:16, Abraham was condemned for lying to Pharaoh (Gen. 12) and Abimelech (Gen. 20). Jacob lied to his father Isaac and it was clearly wrong (Gen. 27).
 2. Do not lie to one another (Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9).
 3. Liars will not be admitted to heaven but thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8; 22:15).
- B. Liars do not abide in the truth and the word of God is not in them (1 John 1:5-10; Rom. 1:16).

II. Instruction.

- A. The Source.
 1. The Bible defines truth as being the word of God (John 17:17), and makes plain that God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18).
 2. The Bible teaches that Satan is the father (the source) of lies (John. 8:44), and that is what we see in the account of the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:4).
- B. The Sorts.
 1. There are three main “sorts” of lies: lies to God (Acts 5:4); lies to others (Matt. 26:69-74); and lies to ourselves (1 John 1:8).
 2. There are also lies that are told about God (2 Pet. 3:4-6) and about us for His sake (Matt. 5:11, 12).

III. The Goal.

- A. In giving us THE truth, God has freed us from all the lies of Satan and men.
 1. The lie that there is no God (Heb. 11:6).
 2. The lie that there is a God but no judgment (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10).
 3. The lie that there is a God and there is a judgment but what is commanded in the Bible is not the criteria for judgment (John 12:48).
- B. In giving us THE truth, God has freed us from the most terrible lies of all; the lies we tell ourselves: that we can be God; and that we need not obey all of God’s commands.
- C. The three “S”s of lie-free Christian living.
 1. Spiritual Blessing of Joy and Peace: no lies to be remembered/ashamed of (Rom. 6:21)/deceived by (1 Cor. 15:33).
 2. Sanctification: becoming more and more like our Father (1 Pet. 1:14-16) and our Lord (Luke 9:23; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Pet. 2:21, 22).
 3. Salvation: it is the truth that will set us free and by which we will be saved (John 8:32, 24; 1 Tim. 2:4).

Conclusion:

1. We have the truth in our hands, what will we do with it? Will we allow it to free us from the lies which have separated us from God? Will we allow it to remove the dark cloud of lies from our lives?
2. Invitation.

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1. Lies, at their root, are an expression of selfishness.
 - A. We lie because we do not want to be on the wrong side of salvation. Thus lies are told that deny God, deny His judgment, and deny His word. We also lie about our own relationship with God (Matt. 7:21-23).
 - B. We lie because we want to gain some favor with some one. There is no quicker way to lose credibility with someone than to tell a lie about something meaningless.
 - C. We lie because we do not want to experience the uncomfortable feeling of truth telling. Nothing is more hateful than allowing someone to continue in sin with our approval for our comfort (Gal. 4:16).
 - D. We lie because we are not who we want to be.

2. The Bible is the appeal from God to mankind to realize our lost state and to make the changes necessary to allow Him to change our state. Thus we deny God, His word, and reality.

3. Satan rebelled against God, His word, and reality; and wants to take as many of God’s children with him into the everlasting fire prepared for him and his angels (Matt. 25:41). He does this out of spite and hatred, and sadly we make it all too easy.
 - A. God has given us life and choice out of Love. Yet Satan says God does not want what’s best for us.
 - B. God has given us His word and His Son’s example to help us avoid the pitfalls of physical life. Yet Satan says that God is trying to deny us the fun and pleasures of life.
 - C. God has given His Son on the cross to enable us to be free from our sin. Yet Satan denies the sacrifice or denies the proper acceptance of that sacrifice.
 - D. God offers an eternity in heaven to all who will conform their image to that of His Son. Yet Satan offers only damnation and torment for all eternity, and he gets more response than God!

4. God has given us all truth (unto life and godliness) and lies are how people deny themselves godly lives and heavenly reward. Oh, the lies we tell ourselves.
 - A. God will not send anyone to hell, certainly not nice people.
 - B. God doesn’t care what I wear to worship.
 - C. God doesn’t care if I attend worship or Bible classes.
 - D. God doesn’t care if I spend more time with worldly friends than Christian brethren.
 - E. God doesn’t care if I spend more time pursuing my wants and desires than I spend in service to Him and His kingdom.
 - F. I’m good enough.

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