

# *Lying - The Original Sin*

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Psalm 120:2-3 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

- I. Lying is the first sin that we know of that was committed on this earth.
  - A. It is the original sin in that sense, as well as it is the original sin that occurs before any other sin is committed.
    - 1. All sins of the flesh and the spirit begin with a lie.
  - B. Satan outright lied to Eve and the Bible tells us she was deceived.

1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

- C. We always think of sin first as some deed that someone does, but we do not backtrack on it and look at what brought them to the point.
  - 1. Before they cross the line and commit the sin they pass through several obstacles.
  - 2. They must struggle against their conscience until they find a way to mentally justify it.
  - 3. They must forget the prospect of consequences and lay that concern aside.
  - 4. Sin is the transgression of the law, so they must be convinced that they are not really breaking any laws, or contemplating anything that God would be displeased with.
- D. Absolutely the only way to accomplish all this is to believe lies.
  - 1. And the important thing is that it always begins with only one lie.
  - 2. One thing we are deceived about can put us on the course for hell and destruction.
  - 3. And we all know that once a lie has been told, then more lies have to be told to try to keep the first lie from being revealed.
    - a) One lie leads to another lie, and then another, until our whole life is a lie.
    - b) Lying works like an avalanche, or a rockslide; it begins with one little stone and then turns into a great disturbance of massive destruction.
    - c) Lying works like a spark on tinder; as soon as is touched off it takes off out of control.

James 3:5-6 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

- E. If you were going somewhere and asked me which way west was, and I pointed east and told you it was west, you are going to be lost.

1. Even though you follow all the directions for all your turns you will be more lost and confused the farther you go.
  2. The only hope for you is if you find someone who will tell you the truth about which way is really west.
- F. A watch that will not tell the right time consistently is useless, no matter how much gold it contains, or how beautiful it looks.
1. Likewise, we judge the value of people by whether they tell the truth all the time or not.
  2. And this is wisdom in action when we recognize those who are not always completely truthful and therefore put no trust in what they say.
  3. The only way we can hope to be on time for our appointments is to find a timepiece that tells the absolute truth all the time.

## II. Lying leads to deception.

- A. Now, the one telling the lie may not know he is telling a lie.
1. Strictly defined, a lie is:

LIE, n.

A criminal falsehood; a falsehood uttered for the purpose of deception; an intentional violation of truth. If it is not intended to deceive it is not strictly a lie, but a falsehood.

As a verb, it means to utter falsehood with an intention to deceive, or with an immoral design.

2. So when the devil lies it is aimed at changing your morals.
  3. Although the person stating the falsehood may not have ill intentions, but simply passing something along they think to be true, it can have the same effects as a lie.
  4. For this reason we must be very careful and take heed to what we say, as well as what we hear, to make sure it is absolutely the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
- B. It all leads to deception and to be deceived is to be mislead, beguiled, cheated, and ensnared.
1. You are transferred from a state of truth to a state of lies and falsehoods.
  2. The word “deceive” means to “open, enlarge, in a mental or moral sense.”
- C. Someone tells you a lie, but that is not the end of it, unless you recognize that it is a lie and reject it right then and there.
- D. The danger to your soul is when you fail to recognize it as a lie, and you believe it as truth, or even if you mark it in your mind as possibly true.
1. It changes the state of your mind, and alters the course of your heart and life.
  2. You can be thrown off course for the rest of your life and suffer untold damage to yourself and your children and grandchildren by believing one lie.
  3. Every soul that ends up in hell will realize that it was a lie they believed that lead them to that final end.
  4. This is why there is so much emphasis put on this matter in the Bible.

**Deuteronomy 11:16** Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

**Matthew 24:4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

**Luke 21:8** And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

III. Through all the ages it is the lie that has been man's destruction, and we are warned that in the last days it will still be the most dangerous thing we have to face.

2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Timothy 2:25-26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

- A. The lie is the devil's snare.
- B. We are swimming in lies and falsehoods now, and we are bombarded with them from every direction.
- C. We are enticed to look, to read, to listen and watch what self-professing wise men of this world want to lie to us about, and our minds are much too open to them.
- D. The only source we have of absolute truth is the Word of God you hold in your hand right now.
  - 1. Believe what it says and what it teaches as the Holy Spirit of God guides you, and do not listen to men or women who do not really believe it.
- E. Never be afraid to check what you believe to make sure it is the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- F. Do not tolerate lies and do not keep company with liars.
- G. Purge yourself of all falsehood and make sure that what you say is absolutely true as diligently as you possibly can.
  - 1. Do not pass along something until you are absolutely sure it is true.
- H. Value the truth for its real value and do not sacrifice it for anything.
- I. Finally, we have God's promise that there will be no more lying liars in heaven.

Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

- 1. Liars are absolutely not going to heaven, which is a comfort to the righteous and a warning to the liars and those who are deceived by them.