

Changing the Truth of God Into a Lie

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Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

- I. What does it mean to change the truth of God into a lie?
 - A. When God says something is true and we deny it, or refuse to believe it.
 - B. When God says something is not true and we say that it is.
 - C. Any time we contradict what the Word of God says in our thoughts, our words, or our actions, we are changing the truth of God into a lie.
 - D. This is the reason that unbelief is such an offensive thing to God.
 1. It is because we are simply calling God a liar by refusing to believe what He says.
 - E. We know some of that feeling when a child or a young person contradicts and argues with an adult or an older person about the truth of something.
 1. It is very offensive and causes anger when they in their ignorance basically call a person a liar who is so far above them in knowledge and experience.
- II. Man has had God's moral law in written form for thousands of years and has continually changed those truths of God into lies.
 - A. Any person who does not agree and submit to God's moral law, in any point, is calling God a liar.

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

- B. God has given us in written form the divine order for the home, the church, and for men and women.
 1. But all that God has said about these matters has been changed into lies by people who refuse to believe what God has said about it all.
- C. God said there are two genders – male and female.
 1. Sinful man says there are many more than that.
- D. God said the man is the head of the woman.
 1. Sinful men and women say that they are equal, meaning they are the same.
- E. God said marriage is for a man and a woman.
 1. Sinful men say that men can marry men and women can marry women.
- F. God calls immoral, unjust, and violent behavior sin and promises that such sinners are guilty and will be held to account.
 1. Sinful men say that bad behavior is to be blamed on someone or something else, and that no one is really guilty of anything.
 2. Furthermore, they say that God is love and therefore will not punish anyone, but that everyone goes to heaven when they die – if there is a heaven.
- G. God promises that Jesus Christ will soon return to earth to snatch his bride away.
 1. It appears now that most of the professing Christians are not expecting Him to come.

- H. God promises grace, comfort, wisdom, strength, help, peace, and provision for those who trust in Him.
 - 1. But most of those who profess to believe in Him seem to be sorely lacking in all these things.
 - I. God promises eternal reward to those who are born again and trust in Him.
 - 1. But those who profess to believe Him do not live their lives as if that is a reality.
 - 2. They heap to themselves treasure here on earth and if death threatens them they cling to life with all they can muster.
- III. Changing the truth of God into a lie is not something that just a certain class of the worst sinners do, it is something that is very common, even among those who profess to be Christians.
- A. In fact, this whole process of degeneration we are studying here in Romans 1 is not about some special kind of depravity that we see in the worst of sinners – we can see many of those we consider to be the best among us in this.
 - B. It is a matter of spiritual warfare – this whole process involves spirits of devils and Satan himself.
 - C. They are willing to strike at you anywhere along the way in this process, and it doesn't have to be in any certain sequence.
 - D. We just need to be aware of Satan's devices and the places and ways in which he attacks and deceives and manipulates.
- IV. It is almost always through circumstances that he is able to establish a stronghold in our mind.
- A. We should never forget that he is able to engineer and manipulate the circumstances around us.
 - 1. That was exactly what all his attack on Job was about.
 - B. Satan has all he needs at his disposal, even in the churches, to work on the circumstances around us to make us wonder where God is.
 - C. That is his method – he works the circumstances around us to make us doubt the promises of God.
 - D. His goal is that we call God a liar, which puts us in the same league as the devil.
 - E. When we fail to believe we are calling God a liar, and changing the truth of God into a lie.
 - F. When we fail to trust, no matter the circumstances, we are calling God a liar and we fall into the snare of the devil.
 - G. We are falling for the bait when we start entertaining questions the devils put into our minds questioning God's integrity such as,
 - 1. "Why would God let this happen to me?"
 - 2. "Why won't God answer my prayer?"
 - 3. "Why didn't God warn me about this?"
 - 4. "How can God be just and allow this to be done to me?"
 - 5. Remember, that was Satan's first trick in the garden: "Yea, hath God said?"
 - 6. Then he blatantly contradicted God's word by saying to the woman, "Ye shall NOT surely die."
 - H. Changing the truth of God is a fantasy that only exists in the mind of a deceived person.

1. God's truth does not change – the only thing that changes is the concept in the imagination of a deceived person.
- V. Changing God's truth only happens to make way for sin in the life of the person who is listening to devils in his mind and desiring something forbidden.
- A. There is no other reason for a person to disagree or content with God about anything God has said.
 - B. All that God has said is his divine wisdom on our behalf and for our good.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

1. More people would believe and trust in God if they knew what was going on in their minds and hearts and who was behind it.
- C. One of the greatest errors of our time is that people have been blinded to what is really going on when they are tempted to sin.
1. It is commonly understood that our "flesh" is the reason we sin.
 2. And since it is our flesh there is nothing we can do about it.
 3. And since it is our flesh we were born this way and cannot be justly blamed for continuing to sin habitually, even if we claim to be saved.
 4. The facts from the Word of God are that Satan himself tempted Eve.
 5. Satan himself tempted Jesus.
 6. Satan is called the "tempter."
 7. It is Satan who is called the god of this world.
 8. It is said of Satan that he is a devouring lion.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9. It is said of Satan that he is able to take people captive at his will:

2 Timothy 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

10. Why, for heaven's sake, is all this ignored and not taught to people so that they can resist him?
- D. The devil is our adversary, and he has plenty of help, and he never stops trying to get us to change the truth of God into a lie.
- E. Effectual, saving faith is only the kind that prevails over Satan and his devils and keeps trusting and believing in God no matter the circumstances or the outcome of things on this earth.