

Exodus 41 - Ninth Precept Lying: Covering the Truth

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Ninth Precept

Lying is covering the truth from others and yourself to stay in sin

Lying relies on deception, often with stealing, its partner; these are different sides of same scroll - antithesis of God



Lying Has Many Faces

- Gossiping, Back biting, slander, etc. are wrong
- These are the many faces of bearing false witness
- False Witness - Telling what is not true or what is not for you to speak



Lying is Endemic to Us

- Lying is innate to the human condition
- Lying does not need to be explained; everyone lies
- Bible does not recognize "white lies" and "black lies", all seek to hide truth



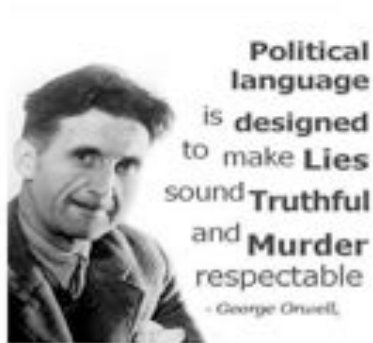
Sinner Lives in Lies

- The sin nature must lie:
 - First to itself - No God
 - To Others - I am Right
 - To God - I am Good
- Lost cannot repent of lying, only of getting caught (apologize)



Human Relations Based on Lies

- People demand truthful leaders who are incapable of truth - all are sinners
- Governments of people live in lies, all are sinners
- Government is man's lies against God's truth



To Deny Lying is to Lie

- This is not limited only to politicians but to all of us
- Man may use truth if poss. but will lie as necessary
- The lie in the graphic is, "as a last resort," as we lie even to ourselves



Worldview of Lies

- Worldview based on lies to cover the truth of God:
 - Man is innately good
 - Philosophy explains to man how to be gods
 - Evolution denies God
 - Psychology sees man's goodness, denying God



Outcome of Lying – Slave to Sin

- Lying, covering the truth, has but one goal – death
- Just as governments seek power over its citizens
- Satan uses deception to obtain power over you

"Our government has kept us in a perpetual state of fear - kept us in a continuous stampede of patriotic fervour - with the cry of grave national emergency. Always, there has been some terrible evil at home, or some monstrous foreign power that was going to gobble us up if we did not blindly rally behind it."
- General Douglas MacArthur



Do Not Bear False Witness

- This precept in its most basic form means to not give false testimony which robs others of their freedom and/or their property, even their life
- The life of Saul is that of a king, immature believer, torn between truth and lie, powerlessness and power; he chose the lie and powerlessness to his harm indicative of the Hebrews (Man of the People) (1Sa 15:17-29)

God Does Not Lie

- When Balaam prophesized to Balak under the power of the Holy Spirit he made this statement (Nu 23:19):
 - "God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind."
- This is the difference between holy God Who cannot lie and unholy man who cannot tell the truth of *his own accord* - the flesh will never willingly speak truth (1Co 2:14)

Lying Is Abomination to God

- Of the seven abominations to God, three deal with lying (Ex 6:16-19):
 - Lying tongue
 - False witness who lies
 - He who sows discord among the brethren
- These abominations mirrored in first sin and *our* sin nature based on Satan who taught us sin (1Co 3:1-5; Jo 8:44-45)

Children Mirror the Father (Jo 5:41)

God as Father

- God is truth (Jo 1:17; Jo 5:20)
- Christians are to walk in truth (1Jo 2:21)
- Keeping God's commands mirrors the Father (1Jo 2:4)

Satan as Father

- Satan father of lies (Jo 8:44)
- Lost live lies rejecting the truth (1Jo 1:6)
- Walk in darkness as if in the light (1Jo 1:6)

Christ Teaches About Oaths

- The Judaizers were careful to preface their oaths with God's name, blaspheming His name by attaching His holiness to their lies (Mt 5:33-37)
 - God will not be attached to our lies, we are to be governed by His words (Jo 1:16-18)
 - We are simply to speak the facts, the first of which is that we are sinners needing salvation, nothing more since we are not gods, but God's creations

Christ Came to Speak Truth (J- 18:37-39)

- Christ summed up His first coming in one phrase, "to bear witness to the truth."
 - Only those who are His can hear His truth (Sovereignty)
- Pilate responded as all lost people must, "What is truth?"
 - The lost cannot hear His truth, they can only speak what they know, lies and deceit (R- 3:10-18)

The Problem is Not Lying

- Lying is indicative of one's heart condition
 - Saved - Lying indicates worship of self (Satan)
 - Lost - Lying is the only source of truth available
 - Deceit is legitimized by various *pseudosciences*:
 - Psychology
 - Philosophy
 - Religion
 - Evolution

Their End is Clearly Described

- Those who are lost will have no place in (R- 21:58, 22:27C)
 - Millennial Kingdom
 - New Jerusalem
 - New Earth
- Lest we rejoice too much in their end, remember we were deserving of the same except for God's election (R- 11:17-25, 1C- 10:9-12)

Lying is the Matrix of our Sin

- Our worldview is tainted by sin to such an extent that we do not even understand how much of what we believe is based on sin (Ro. 1:18-32)
- This matrix contains nuggets of truth (facts) placed so as to give support the lie that man is evolving when our behavior clearly shows we are devolving into animal-like behavior (Ro. 1:18-32; 2Ti. 2:11-12)

What is The Lie Man Believes?

- The Lie is that man is his own god evolving from material inferior beings into superior spiritual beings
 - The Lie testifies against them, gods do not change
 - Man has populated his fantasy with many gods (idols)
 - They use The Lie to hide the fact they are sin (lost)
 - They use idolatry (philosophy) to hide the fact that they worship Satan even when claiming to be atheists

Hagiazo Process Reveals Our Lies

- Christ uses this process to reveal the lies we believe rather than the truth He offers (1Co. 11:9-12)
- But lying is a process that must have a goal as guidance
- The final precept we shall study guides every sinful impulse of every person enmeshing them in The Lie while covering the truth of Christ and His salvation