

THE DESTRUCTIVENESS OF LIES



Background Reading:

2 Chronicles 18:22; Leviticus
19:11; Proverbs 14:5; 17:4;
Colossians 3:5-11; Titus 1:2;
2 Thessalonians 2:11

Devotional Reading:

Leviticus 19:11;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12



Central Verse

“Ye are of your father the devil. And the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth.”

John 8:44, KJV

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding on to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

John 8:44, NIV

Key Terms

Assertion—the act or state of declaring positively and often forcefully or aggressively.

Attributes—a quality, character, or characteristic ascribed to someone or something.

Lying Spirit—a malevolent being marked by or containing untrue statements that enter and possesses a human being.

Introduction

A person who is a habitual liar is dangerous. Lying to another person is like giving that person poison, for lying is just that deadly. My mother would say, “If you lie you will steal, if you steal you will kill. These are the attributes of the devil, for he comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Children are usually a

mirror of their parents. So, when a person is a liar, he reflects his father the devil. The Lord said, "Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another." (Leviticus 19:11).

The believer serves a God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2). He is like his Father since he is made in His likeness and His image. He endeavors not to lie to anyone, for lying is classified with anger, wrath, malice, and blasphemy, which are works of the flesh, which bring defilement. He endeavors to keep his spirit clean, so he won't allow filthy communication to come out of his mouth.

A lie is an assertion that is believed to be false, typically used to deceive or mislead someone. Lies are never good for anyone, for Satan is the father of lies. And all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire which is the second death.

Discussion

God Hates liars, God fears to hate evil, and believers hate what God hates. Liars shall not tarry in God's sight. God knows that when called to accountability because a liar is a liar, he will try to lie his way out of all situations because lying is what he does. Lying is so bad that God included instructions concerning it in the Ten Commandments. Adam and Eve fell from God's grace because Eve believed the lie the serpent told her. Without repentance and accepting Jesus as Lord of their lives, all humanity lives under the penalty of the lie that Eve received.

Ever since Satan lied to Eve, he has been lying to humanity, trying to deceive as many as he can. He is so good at deceiving that the Word says that if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect of God. Thank God it is not possible. As the elected of —God, the believer has taken off the old man (Satan) and his deeds, so lying is not a part of his spirit. He becomes a man of integrity with Jesus in his life.

A man of integrity will not lie for he is faithful to his commitment to Jesus Christ. But a false witness will utter lies that can destroy a man's life. Many men's and women's lives have been ruined because of false witnesses. False witnesses have helped build the reputation of many lawyers but ruined the lives of many families. Because if a man is convicted falsely on the strength of a false witness, it affects the entire family.

Many children have suffered much lack because their parents went to prison in many areas. They are robbed of a balanced family relationship and sometimes they are ruined emotionally for the rest of their lives. God said He hates a false witness; for a liar listens to dirty gossip and allows himself to be a part of malicious conversations.

God gives the devil certain rights and privileges because He is God. Lying is part of who the devil is, so God allows lying spirits to operate in the earth. There have been times when a witness was needed to speak, so God allows a lying spirit to get in the mouth of a lying prophet and speak. The lying Prophet said if Israel goes to war that God would give them victory. But God was saying through a true prophet that they would be defeated and taken into captivity. Just like the prophet of God said they were defeated and taken into captivity for seventy years.

Lies cause hurt, tears, frustration, anger, betrayal, and even suicide because lying is a deadly spirit. But there is hope for the believer. Let Jesus help you to forgive the liar and allow Him to heal every wound inflicted by lies. Let Jesus fix it for you, for He knows just what to do.

Conclusion

People usually believe what the Prophet says, but when a Prophet with a lying spirit gives a prophecy based on lies, it can be very destructive to the individual who receives it. I knew a young lady who was engaged to a young man who received a prophecy from a Prophetess that was false. The young lady was told that she was engaged to the wrong man and that she needed to break up with him and go to another area where God had an excellent job waiting for her and "her husband". The young lady obeyed the Prophetess and did as she was told.

She went to that city, stayed over a year, she did not find a decent job or a husband. She went back home and tried to reconnect with her former fiancé, but it never worked. She missed a happy life with someone who loved and wanted her to listen to a lying Prophetess. God said they went, but He did not send them.

Questions

1. Why do people lie?
2. How are lies destructive to others?

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3. Why does God hate liars?
4. What does a false witness accomplish?
5. What can a believer do to prevent lies from gaining strength in the church?

Essential Thought

Do not be alarmed when you are lied to:
Liars do what liars do; they lie.