

Don't Tell Lies

(Part 1)

“Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.” (Leviticus 19:11)

In this message we will discuss one command of God and this command is, ***“Do not lie.”*** Many they say we cannot live without telling lies. And others will say how we will not tell lies. Others will say; if we will not tell lies they will not believe, therefore in order to live we have to tell lies. But that is neither the truth nor the way that God Almighty wants us to live for Him.

The first lie that mentioned in the bible was told by Satan when he lies to the woman. As the woman told Satan what God had commanded them to do, ***“You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.”*** The answer of Satan to the woman was this: ***“You will not certainly die.”*** And that is the first lie that mentioned in the bible where Satan gave false sense of security when he assured the woman that she can break the command of God and she can still live. Living life of lies will be in the form of living in disobedience to God's command and believing that you will not die spiritually. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and trusted the lies of Satan, that they can still live after breaking the word of God, they died spiritually. Many they break the Word of God but they should understand that they will have no life if they will not repent and correct their relationship with God. The Lord God sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to save us from sin and death. Jesus died on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life. We can come back to God if we repent from our sins and live in obedience to God's commands. But if you come to God and you still live in sin that of no help to you because you are still spiritually dead and that what had happened to Adam and Eve when they sinned against God and did not repent.

“Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.”
(1 John 3:4-10)

Lies are from Satan and that what is mentioned in the bible about Satan. Jesus told about Satan the following when He confronted the Jews who had believed him: ***“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 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) Therefore lies are the language of Satan and when we speak and entertain lies then we are entertaining Satan work and got involved with him. The danger of that is clear, when you tell lies you think that you are helping yourself but to the contrary the lies that you are telling will recoil back on you and it will harm you. As people lies they may get some temporary relief and some little gain but later on that will be reflected on their lives.

Why people tell lies and why they use lies? Everyone has his own reason and his own stand, but what we can say here that there is nothing justifiable about lies because they are devil work and sure will bring bad consequences on those who use them. We will go through some Scriptures that speak about people they use lies to live in life and we will see what their reason was and what are the consequences of what they did?

1- “Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. ¹¹ As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.” (Genesis 12:10-13) Now Abram faced famine and he thought by going to Egypt and by telling lies life will be better. He asked his wife to tell lies that she is his sister because he was thinking that he will be treated well and his life will be protected. Now here we found that Abram he did not trust God but he trusted the lie that he asked his wife to tell. Lack of trust in God and full relying on Him make the people think to lie. People they think if they will tell lies they will be treated well. But who will treat us well other than the Lord God Almighty who will also save us and preserve our lives as we put our full trust on Him alone.

Let us read here what were the consequences of Abram lies on his life and the life of his family. ***“When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. ¹⁵ And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. ¹⁶ He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.”*** (Genesis 12:14-16) Abram was really treated well but there is a prize that he paid, his wife. If you are going to tell lies waiting that you will be treated well, and you might be treated well but put in your mind that there is a prize that you need to pay and you will pay.

“But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “What have you done to me?” he said. “Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!” ²⁰ Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.” (Genesis 12:17-20) God was merciful to Abram and made a way for him to repent from that sin and got delivered from Pharaoh and the work of devil in that place.

My Dear and Beloved: “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9) God is making a way for you through this message. If you had lied and live in lies then this is the time for you to repent, renounce your lies and got delivered from devil and all its evil power and come back to God as you agree to pray.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from all the following lies _____. I put my full trust in you that you will be the one to protect me, spare my life, treat me well and provide all my needs, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.