

Don't Tell Lies

(Part 2)

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

God's grace is great and His provision for us will come to us continually as long as we trust Him and rely on His word and promises in the bible. ***“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)*** ⁹ ***However, as it is written: What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived—the things God has prepared for those who love him—these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)***

We don't need to lie to receive our daily provision and to be protected or to get delivered from trials. Lies will not help us in our daily living but trusting in God and His word will help us to have what we need as we walk faithfully with Him. ***“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:31-32)*** The Lord God sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give us eternal life. By Jesus death on the cross the way became open for us to reach heaven and to spend eternity with God. As Jesus enters our lives we live in the truth and we trust God for everything and we obey Him and His word knowing that He will fulfill all what He promised to us.

We will continue in this message to speak about the bad consequences of telling lies and how finally it will not help us but will put us in troubles.

2- “Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar, and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, “She is my sister.” Then Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her.” (Genesis 20:1-2) By the wrong information that Abraham provided it caused Abimelek king of Gerar to do something wrong and sinned by taking Sarah from her husband Abraham.

You may provide wrong information by telling lies, for you it might be a small lie, or a simple lie and for some they might call it a white lie, but this little lie after all is a lie and it will invite Satan to come to kill, steal and destroy. In fact you don't need to tell lies and cause yourself and others to fall into embarrassing conditions. Let us continue read the story: ***“But God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, “You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman.” Now Abimelek had not gone near her, so he said, “Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? Did he not say to me, ‘She is my sister,’ and didn't she also say, ‘He is my brother’? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands.” Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her. Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return***

her, you may be sure that you and all who belong to you will die.” (Genesis 20:3-7) We found here that God again interfered to delivered Sarah and Abraham and the rest of the people in the story from the work of devil that was initiated by what we call today a little, small or white lie. ***“Early the next morning Abimelek summoned all his officials, and when he told them all that had happened, they were very much afraid. Then Abimelek called Abraham in and said, “What have you done to us? How have I wronged you that you have brought such great guilt upon me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done.” And Abimelek asked Abraham, “What was your reason for doing this?” (Genesis 20:8-10)***

Now we will see what was the reason for Abraham to tell a lie as we can read here: ***“Abraham replied, “I said to myself, ‘There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’ Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife. And when God had me wander from my father's household, I said to her, ‘This is how you can show your love to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, “He is my brother.” (Genesis 20:11-13)*** Abraham was afraid to be killed because of his wife, but he did not trust God to help Him and protect him, but he trusted and relies on the lie that he said as source of protection. But God truly helped him and showed him clearly that He can be truly trusted for everything, and He can be the source of protection and deliverance. It is truly that Sarah is a sister for him from another mother but the thing here that Abraham told lie trusting that this is the way to be protected. God's provision for us will not come by telling lies but it will come when we trust Him and rely on His word and promises as provision for our lives. You may tell what externally looks like truth but the lie that you are telling is your trust on the thing that you had said and not relying on God Almighty and His promises.

Let us read the rest of the story and found out how God end up this embarrassing situation that Abraham put himself in, and how God taught him a lesson that he does not need to tell lies to protect and to provide for himself: ***“Then Abimelek brought sheep and cattle and male and female slaves and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him. And Abimelek said, “My land is before you; live wherever you like.” To Sarah he said, “I am giving your brother a thousand shekels of silver. This is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you; you are completely vindicated.” Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelek, his wife and his female slaves so they could have children again, for the LORD had kept all the women in Abimelek's household from conceiving because of Abraham's wife Sarah. ” (Genesis 20:14-18)***

My Dear and Beloved: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6) “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. LORD, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!” (Psalm 20:7-9) We need to tell always the truth, because we believe that to put our full trust on God and His word is the truth, as we 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 _____ and from lack of trust in you. Lord build me up once again with your word and your promises and deliver me and the people with me as you delivered Abraham and his family from the trap of telling and trusting lie, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.