

# Don't Tell Lies

*(Part 3)*

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

There is a profound need to know the truth. Some they say there is no absolute truth, and some they say that the absolute still is not the whole truth. But that what we called it the lie of Satan which does its best to cover and hide the truth from reaching the people and be set free.

There is truth? Yes. Where we found it? We found it in the bible where 1<sup>st</sup> in the word of God, Jesus said in *John 17:17* “**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.**” 2<sup>nd</sup> in The Lord Jesus Christ for He is truth as He declared, **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** (*John 14:6*) 3<sup>rd</sup> in The Holy Spirit who is the truth as Jesus declared, **“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”** (*John 16:12-13*) The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and He will guide us into all the truth.

God the Father is the truth and there is no other gods beside Him, **“*6This is what the LORD says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come.8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.*”** (*Isaiah 44:6-8*)

Idol worship is a lie of the Devil and his deception to confuse people and bring them away from God their Creator. We will search the Scripture and what it says about idol worship. **“*9All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.10 Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit nothing?11 People who do that will be put to shame; such craftsmen are only human beings. Let them all come together and take their stand; they will be brought down to terror and shame.12 The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it in the coals; he shapes an idol with hammers, he forges it with the might of his arm. He gets hungry and loses his strength; he drinks no water and grows faint.13 The carpenter measures with a line and makes an outline with a marker; he roughs it out with chisels and marks it with compasses. He shapes it in human form, human form in all its glory, that it may dwell in a shrine.14 He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or oak. He let it grow among the trees of the forest, or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow.15 It is used as fuel for burning; some of it he takes and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. But he also fashions a god and worships it; he makes an idol and bows down to it.16 Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, “Ah! I am warm; I see the fire.”17 From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, “Save me! You are my god!”18 They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand.19 No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, “Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is***

*left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?”* 20 *Such a person feeds on ashes; a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, “Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?”* (*Isaiah 44:9-20*) Clearly the bible says here that the idol in the hand of man who made it is a lie. Idol worship is a lie.

We can also read about the worthless practice of idol worship in Jeremiah 10:1-10 **“*1 Hear what the LORD says to you, people of Israel.2 This is what the LORD says: “Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them.3 For the practices of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel.4 They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter.5 Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good.”6 No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.7 Who should not fear you, King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you.8 They are all senseless and foolish; they are taught by worthless wooden idols.9 Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz. What the craftsman and goldsmith have made is then dressed in blue and purple— all made by skilled workers.10 But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath.”* (*Jeremiah 10:1-10*) If people they are worshipping idols and living their lives according to human religious teachings and man practices they are living and practice lies and Satan’s wickedness. **“*11 Tell them this: ‘These gods, who did not make the heavens and the earth, will perish from the earth and from under the heavens.’”*12 *But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.”* (*Jeremiah 10:11-12*)****

**“*3 Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.4 But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands.5 They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.6 They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell.7 They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats.8 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. All you Israelites, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.10 House of Aaron, trust in the LORD— he is their help and shield.11 You who fear him, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.”* (*Psalms 115: 3-8*) Idols are not only useless but they are harmful as well and those made them and follow these lies they will end in death and destruction. Why people make idols and worship them and follow the ways of man and human teachings and traditions? Because they don’t have trust in the Lord and in His Son Jesus and in His Word that is in the bible. False religions and false teachings pervert the truth and give false promises and faked values that suit people lust and to satisfy the craving sinful nature in order to persuade the people to leave the true God and follow after deception and lies. But**

***My Dear and Beloved:*** We need to trust Him and trust His word and promises. He is our shield, our refuge and our help in times of need. He is our Creator and He is the only one who can help us.

***My Prayer:*** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself into your hand, I will move away from all idols and human practices and devil teachings. I will follow you and have full trust in your word and all your promises. This is my prayer in Christ name, Amen.*