

The Lies of Satan

Intro: Satan is both a liar and the father of lies John 8:44. He uses those lies on us in order to destroy us, cause us to procrastinate, or just keep us from being free and productive.

Today lets take a look at some of the lies he uses on us so we can be alert to them and also warn others about his tactics so they can also get victory over him. Nine of His lies are as follows:

Lie # 1 Satan says God doesn't love us (The Lie) Now listen to what God says. (The Truth)

Jeremiah 31:3 says Long ago the LORD said to Israel: *"I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.*

Because He loves us, He wants our lives to be rich and full. John 10:10 says *I have come that you might have life and He wants that life to be filled with abundant goodness.* The truth is He certainly does love us and if we look at our lives and think for a moment, we will come to the same conclusion.

Lie # 2 Persons W/O Christ are not really lost

Don't forget, Satan is also known as the deceiver Revelation 12:9.

He would have us believe that good moral people will surely get to heaven, if they do enough good deeds. He tries to get them, and us, to believe that a God of love surely wouldn't let them go to hell.

But the truth of the matter is there is a hell which can be avoided. Tyrone Edward said Hell is truth seen too late - duty neglected in its season. So the lie is, persons W/O Christ are not really lost. Now lets see what God says is truth

Romans 3:23 says *all have sinned and come short of God's glory*

Romans 6:23 says *the payday for sin is death or conscious separation from the presence of God. (Hell)*

John 14:6 says *Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life and no one can come to the father except through Him.*

I John 5:11,12 says, *He that has the son of God has life, he that does not have the son of God does not have life.*

Satan would like you to believe that persons W/O Christ are not really lost, but the truth is, they are eternally lost W/O Him. *Let God be true and every man a liar.*
Romans 3:4 Dear one will you come to Christ today if you haven't already.

Lie # 3 Most people are not interested in spiritual things.

The problem is not that people aren't interested, the problem is that the church folks tend to sit in the comfort of the church, and wait for the people to come to them instead of going like we are commissioned to do.

Listen to this short story from somewhere in America, which could be anywhere in America. It symbolizes the terrible dishonesty of this lie of Satan's.

A relative of one of the church ladies was recently hospitalized with cancer. As I was visiting (hoping to share Christ), her daughter arrived. I was afraid she wouldn't be receptive with her daughter there, but an opportunity arose and I began sharing the gospel with her. I noticed that the daughter sat quietly, listening to every word. When I was through sharing, both of them prayed to receive Christ. This week I began a Bible study with them.

The truth is that people, are troubled about world problems. They are troubled about family problems. Eternity faces them and they search for answers like Nicodemus in John 3.

They might come under the cover of darkness because they are embarrassed, but still they are out there. The devil says they are not interested, but God's truth says in John 4:35, *Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields are ripening all around us and are ready now for the harvest.*

Lie # 4 We can wait till tomorrow

Satan whispers, you can get your salvation tomorrow. You can take care of your problem tomorrow. You can spend time with your family tomorrow. You can serve God tomorrow. This list could go on and on. But it is a lie.

Procrastination is a terrible thing esp. when it comes to people receiving Christ as Savior. J. M. Sherwood said, if belief has slain its thousands, procrastination has slain its ten thousands.

Procrastination says repent at midnight. (That is the Lie) The truth is that death may come at 11:45. Are you believing a lie?

A Mr. Matheson said, It is a solemn thing to say tomorrow when God says today, for man's tomorrow and God's today never meet.

Satan lies to man and says, you can do it tomorrow. God says in the truth of Proverbs 27:1 *Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day will bring forth.*

James 4:14 reminds us that life is like a vapor and there is no guarantee your vapor will rise from tomorrow's teapot. The only way it will, is for God to allow it to.

II Corinthians 6:2 says *today is the acceptable time for Salv.* Do you belong to Christ or are you planning to accept Him tomorrow?

What if He is calling you today and you say no, only to find out tomorrow that you can't hear his voice? You missed your chance and tomorrow you are at the funeral home getting your final makeup put on for a last showing on earth? If you would like to escape this evil lie, you will find the answer you need in the instructions at bottom of this page.

Lie # 5 We are not responsible for those who suffer.

The results of buying into this lie is that the church became comfortable and in many ways became blind to the real needs of the world. (We have let welfare and bloated Govt. Bureaucracy do it for us)

We have bought into the lie but W. H. Greever once said, Stewardship is what a man does after he says "I Believe" If you are a Christian, is your stewardship of time, money, and abilities being used or hoarded?

The Lie — We are not responsible for those who suffer. But God asks a pointed question of us in I John 3:17,18 *But if one of you has enough money to live well, and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help--how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.*

Part of our work is to feed and clothe the physical body. The other part of the work is to present to them, the one who can feed and clothe the spiritual part of man thus saving them for all eternity. (Jesus)

Lie # 6 God excuses our little sins

Jeremy Taylor once said, No sin is small. No grain of sand is small in the mechanism of a watch.

You see, man often categorizes sin. Your sin is bigger than mine thus you are worse than I am. But to God sin is still a little three letter word. Sin!

In part, Psalm 45:7 says *Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness.* Ephesians 1:4 says *He chose us to be holy and blameless.* Little sins as well as big ones are enough to cast blame on us. Sin and holiness are like oil and water.

So Satan lies and says those little things will be all right, God won't see them. But God says this to the contrary in His word which is truth, Heb. 4:13 *There is no created thing that can hide from the face of God, but everything lies open and naked for him to see, as to the one to whom we must explain all the things we have done.*

Lie # 7 We can stay close to God W/O daily Bible study and prayer

In many homes the bibles use has been replaced with the TV Guide. We get up in the morning and right away the enemy alerts us to the many tasks that lie ahead and we buy right into his evil plot.

We say, I'll read it tomorrow. I'll pray tomorrow. You remember that other lie of Satan's don't you? Lie # 4 said— we can wait till tomorrow.

We say, today I just have to get these things done. But if you die today, they won't get done will they? The problem is that if we put it off today, Satan will be sure that our calendar is filled up tomorrow morning when we get up just like he did for us today.

The lie is, we can stay close to God W/O daily Bible study and prayer. The truth is, failure to eat a good diet every day will cause us to become spiritually malnourished.

The truth is God offers a balanced diet and proper nutrition. Satan offers junk food and it leads to bad attitudes, selfish pursuits, vision problems or not being able to see people who are needy, and becoming involved in bondage.

The truth is II Timothy 2:15 says *study to show thyself approved a workman who can handle the truth and not be ashamed.*

Lie # 8 We can get by without going to church.

He says church is boring, it isn't exciting, it is too long and cuts into your personal time on the only day I have off He says, you can get it from TV. He says you go, but what do you really get from it?

You can get that much out in the woods, or on the golf course meditating and enjoying His creation. Then you can praise Him. Church is for sissies. It is a crutch, they just want your money. They want free labor or whatever else you can figure out.

This lie is very widespread among believers and testimony of this can be seen in the attendance figures of many churches. Either they are consistently low in many or else they fluctuate greatly depending on what other things are going on in the area at the same time church that is going on.

The truth is that we need each other. The Bible talks about the church being a body and since when didn't we need all the parts of our body? If this is not true, lets go get our hand cut off because its no big deal anyway. We can get along without it.

To the contrary, the church as a whole needs all its parts and we need each other individually, John 13:34,35 says *a new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

We spend time together with those we love and when an unsaved person looks at Christians who are going it all alone w/o getting together at church, they might just say I'm going it all alone just like they are so why become a Christian and join a church?

Romans 12:4,5 says *we are members of one another.* Ephesians 4:15,16 says *we are to grow together as a body.*

When Christians try to get by W/O the church, they cause the church, (God's representative body on earth) to appear deformed with stunted legs, arms, fingers, and wearing patches over missing eyes etc. rather than presenting a healthy body for the world to see.

Lie # 9 We can live W/O dying

Satan says, if you want to experience true life and victory, you just have to live harder.

The abundant life is just more possessions, more projects, more things, more titles, degrees, etc. But this is not what God says. His ways are different. Listen to His word in response to Satan's lie about dying.

John 12:24 *unless a grain of wheat dies, it cannot live or bear fruit.* Luke 22:26 *To be the greatest you must become as a child. To be a leader you must be a servant.* In other words one must die to his ambitions and desires if he is to really live and succeed.

Romans 6:11 says *be dead to sin but alive to God.* Satan says, although not using these exact words, sin brings pleasure and life fulfillment. God says die to sin and live to Christ. Galatians 2:20 Die with Christ, live through him. Isaiah 55:8,9 says *For my thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are my ways your ways declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

So in relation to this particular lie of Satan, application of Isaiah 55:8,9 will result in the following

The enemy says live life to the fullest in order to have real life. God says die to self and you will really have life.

Satan says dictate and lead. God says die to self and become a servant, and you will be a great leader.

Satan says the way up is any way you can get there, just as long as you are headed up. On the other hand, God says, the way up is down.

In closing: We need to remember that Satan is a liar and the father of lies. On the other hand God is truth and His truth will set you free.

We must choose which we are going to listen to and obey. The results of our choices will soon be evident. How about you my friend, which are you choosing to listen to for your life. The truth or a lie?

Let me remind you of a great truth in these last few lines. If you find that you have never done this, why not read and heed. It is the difference between truth and lie.

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God. Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the _____ day of _____ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: _____

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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