

...And All Liars

Text—Rev. 21: 8

Intro. What is a liar?

- A. Definition of a lie and liar
 - 1. A false statement made with deliberate attempt to deceive.
 - 2. Liar: A person who tells lies.
- B. Cretans were noted as being liars; Titus 1: 12
- C. Unpleasant subject but is one discussed in the bible. We will discuss today.

I. Origin of Lies

A. Devil is the “father” of them—Jn. 8: 44

B. Examples of his lies

- 1. In deceiving Eve—Gen. 3: 1-5, **“3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. 5. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”**

- 2. In Impugning Job’s motives—Job 1: 8-11; 2: 4-5

a. Job 1: 8-11, **8. Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’” 9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!’”**

b. Job 2: 4-5, **“4. So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!’”**

3. Expressing doubt of Christ's divinity—Matt. 4: 1-10

II. Kinds of Liars

A. Common Liars—Ps. 50: 19, **“You give your mouth to evil,
And your tongue frames deceit.”**

1. Lie for purpose of deceiving, exaggerate or manufacture.
2. Example: Old Prophet of Bethel—1 Kings 13: 11-22
 - a. Young prophet was forbidden to eat, drink or travel by the way of Bethel
 - b. An old man came to him claiming to be a prophet—vs. 15-19
 - c. The result was dire—vs. 20-22
 - d. Killed by a lion—vs. 24

B. Cowardly Liars—Isa. 57: 11, **“And of whom have you been afraid,
or feared, That you have lied**

**And not remembered Me,
Nor taken *it* to your heart?**

**Is it not because I have held My peace from of old
That you do not fear Me?**

1. Afraid to tell the truth.
2. Examples of cowardly liars
 - a. Adam and Eve evading responsibility—Gen. 3: 9-13
 - b. Abraham calling Sarah his Sister—Gen 20: 2-11
 - c. Parents of Blind Man—John 9: 19-22
 - d. Peter denies Christ—Matt. 26: 69-74

C. Malicious Liars—

- i. Ps. 28: 3, **“Do not take me away with the wicked
And with the workers of iniquity,
Who speak peace to their neighbors,
But evil *is* in their hearts.**

1. Brought about by hatred or spite—Prov. 26: 24-25, **“24. He
who hates, disguises *it* with his lips,
And lays up deceit within himself;
25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him,
For *there are* seven abominations in his heart;**
2. Ex. of Malicious Liars...
 - a. Potiphar's Wife against Joseph—Gen. 39: 14-17,
“14 that she called to the men of her house

and spoke to them, saying, “See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. 15 And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside.” 16 So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. 17 Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, “The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me.

- b. Herod to Wise Men—Matt. 2: 8, “**8. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.**”

D. Commercial Liars

1. Lie to obtain money under false pretenses.
2. Ex. of Commercial liars
 - a. Gehazi to Naaman—2 Kings 5: 20-27
 - i. After Naaman's cleansing
 - ii. Elisha took no payment.
 - iii. Gehazi decides to profit instead.
 - b. The Roman Soldiers—Matt. 28: 12-15
 - i. Empty tomb, Christ resurrected
 - ii. Took money to tell lie
 - c. Ananias and Sapphira—Acts 5: 1-10

E. Social Liars—Prov. 26: 28, “**A lying tongue hates *those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.***”

1. Only two classes of social liars—Men and Women
2. Examples—
 - a. Kiss your “despised friend at the door, complement their clothing, then laugh at “silly thing” when gone.
 - b. Praise children while wishing to club the “little brats.”

- c. Good deeds--Jas. 2: 15-16
- d. The tongue--Jas. 3: 9-12

F. Religious Liars—Rom. 3: 4

- 1. Teachers of false doctrine—
 - a. Rom. 1: 24-25
 - b. 1 Tim. 4: 1-2
- 2. Those claiming apostolic powers
 - a. Rev. 2: 2
 - b. 2 Cor. 11: 13-15
- 3. Those who profess to know him, but are disobedient—1 Jn. 2: 4; Titus 1: 16
- 4. Those who claim to love God while hating brethren—1 Jn. 4: 20-21; (Jas. 3: 9-12)
- 5. Those who claim fellowship with God while in Darkness—1 Jn. 1: 6

III. How God Views Lying

A. He hates it—

- i. Prov. 6: 16-19, “**16. These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.**
- ii. Prov. 12: 22, “**22. Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.**

B. Admonishes against it—

- i. Eph 4: 25
- ii. Col. 3: 9
- iii. 1 Pet. 3: 10

IV. Destiny of Liars

- A. Prov. 19: 5—No Escape**
- B. Rev. 21: 27—Not in the Book of Life**
- C. Rev. 21: 8—Second Death (READ)**

Conclusion

1. We should abhor lying—Ps. 119: 163, “**163. I hate and abhor lying, *But I love Your law.***”
2. Even “white lies” should be avoided
3. Lies may be acted, as well as spoken