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From the Pulpit...



# LIE

## Satan's Tool

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*“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”*

II Timothy 3:13

*“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”*

II Timothy 4:4

Men are all too often deceived by a lie. Understand that a lie is the original reason for deception. If you don't have a lie, it's impossible to have deception. We must know Christ to know truth. He is truth and calls all people to it. Deception comes only after a lie has taken root in the hearts and minds of people. The fall of man, in the beginning, was because of a lie. Let's not let the great initial tool of satan fade away from the story books of religion. **That was the first tool of satan, a lie!** Not drugs, robbery, murder, gambling or pornography. *“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die”* (Genesis 3:4). This was not a long sentence, paragraph or book. This was not a program on Television or an hour dissertation from the perverted pulpits of time. It was one short lie, which would roll in hearts, breeding rebellion against the Holy God. One quick phrase, one subtle, carefully-worded sentence made up of five words, turned the world upside down, and because of this lie, hell will be full. One lie and men and women by the millions will enter the eternal place called hell, where the Bible says the *“worm dieth not”* (Mark 9:44). If you and I are not careful, we will think the greatest sin is alcoholism, gambling, pornography or various vices of the world. No, the greatest sin is when we believe satan's lies. The lies of the enemy are after your eternal soul, and he won't spend three paragraphs trying to sell it to you. He will just speak it and walk away as you ponder and then act upon it. His tool, called a lie, works all too well, and he has been using it since the beginning of time! The scripture says that satan is a liar and the father of all lies! (John 8:44) This tool of satan's has worked so well that millions help promote it with all effort available even today.

We cannot watch the advertising world perform its sales appeal on masses without a slight chuckle. In the selling of various merchandise, it's amazing that the product is always presented as perfect. The product is convenient, cost effective and if it's been on the market a while, they will say it is 'new and improved.' And if you are still on the fence about buying, they will say, 'you get two for the price of one.' The deal just gets better and better! By the time the advertisement is over, you are willing to spend whatever money, time and energy to get it. We see the commercial of a woman using a special cleaning product. She is in the bathroom, cleaning, and looks like she just stepped out of a fashion show. I've never seen any woman cleaning the bathroom dressed like they were going to a formal dinner. When we watch the truck commercial, they have us convinced that the vehicle can actually jump the Grand Canyon! The new medicine works in seconds with no side effects! We actually accept that which is not entirely true! 6,000 years and millions of people have gone to hell because satan convinced them of a lie. While we chuckle at this example of over-exaggerated advertisements by the world, the tragedy is, it actually works! We know you don't clean the bathroom looking like you just stepped out of a magazine. We know the truck really won't jump the Grand Canyon. Yet, it carried us to a place where we accepted false information. **The proof is, THE LIES WORK, and satan knows they work!**

One of the greatest things that happened to us when we accepted the Lord Jesus Christ is that we had a fresh, pure and glorious baptism of truth. Jesus said, 'let me tell you about this beautiful thing called truth; "it will set you free!"' You won't be a slave anymore, but you can walk in freedom and liberty! The truth will set you free!

**We accept that which is not entirely true; the word 'accept' meaning, we literally buy into it.** We know the truck won't do what the commercial says, yet we buy the truck, putting our livelihood in jeopardy to accept this partial truth. Now we are making a seven-hundred-and-fifty-dollar-a-month payment on a truck that really can't do what they said. So now the lie is costing us! Can we hear what the Spirit is saying? We are willing to pay the price, and now we own part of the lie. It's in our garage, and is costing us every day! If you push the one that sold you the bad product, they will just call it a lemon. "Get over it; everybody has one!" So the wrecker pulls your bought lie back to your house, now it's in your house, your garage, your marriage, your children, it's in your future, your testimony. Now it is a

part of you. You get to look at your seven-hundred-and-fifty-dollar lie every month when you write the check for payment. You knew it could not possibly jump the Grand Canyon, but you wanted to believe it could, so you bought it!

In 1924, Liberty Magazine sent out 100 letters to people selected at random in the United States. Enclosed in each of the letters was a one dollar bill. The enclosed statement of the letter read that this was an adjustment of an error the addressed recipient had complained of, so they were returning the dollar. Out of the one hundred recipients, twenty-seven returned the dollar saying it was a mistake. In 1971, Liberty conducted the same test, but now only thirteen returned the dollar out of one hundred. There are some things we get too comfortable with; one of them is a lie. Mr. Spurgeon said, "A lie will go round the world while truth is pulling its boots on." A lie does travel much faster than truth. Satan goes about daily offering a lie! If he can dress it up, make it look good, put dollars on it, tell you it is convenient, it works, and it's 'new and improved,' he has captured the majority of the market. One lie can lead your conscience to be seared as with a hot iron, and the loss of your sensitivity to God and tenderness to the precious Holy Spirit. The song is gone, and peace has faded. Not because you got drunk or robbed a bank, but because of a lie. We can believe a lie and still live in the same house, go to the same church, stay married to the same spouse.

In 1970, the State of Delaware experimented with an honor system for twenty days on the turnpike. Motorists without exact change were allowed to take envelopes and mail in the money. After twenty days, twenty-six thousand envelopes were taken, only five-hundred and eighty-two were returned, some of the returned envelopes contained no money. Satan has an excellent tool, and people are going to hell with it in their heart, mind, and spirit. It worked at the very beginning, and it is working now.

In Job 13:4, Job says of his friends, "ye are forgers of lies." It is one thing to believe a lie and another to start producing them yourself! When satan hands you a lie, you can become a reproducer of lies, according to the words of Job. While satan sits on his false throne of superiority with his hands folded, laughing at those who are now counterfeiters, forgers, and reproducers of lies, millions suffer. Psalms 40:4, "Blessed is that man that [does not] turn aside to lies." Also, the Psalmist says

in 62:4, “*they delight in lies.*” In essence, millions have done the work for satan, promoting his first and greatest tool, a lie. Every generation has had to contend with the **fallout** from lies. Every man of God in the Bible had to address the tragedy and all of the damning results from satan’s lies.

Many know the story of Samson and Delilah. Delilah was a Philistine; she was not a worshiper of Jehovah. Samson on the other side was one of the Judges of Israel. A man that had been anointed of God, living under Nazarite vows. He had a supernatural touch upon his life, but there came a time that Samson saw something he thought he wanted. In this case, it was a woman, who we understand to be an attractive woman, by the name of Delilah. Let’s lay aside all we know about Samson for a moment, his strength, his anointing, his vow, and just look at the man. What do we see? We see that Samson became a good liar. An anointed man, called of God, a man living under Nazarite vows, a man that’s still spoken of from millions of pulpits around the world, was a liar. He was a man of God! However, he became a polished, careful, precise, articulate liar! Now, the church world may not have enough of discernment to know when someone is lying, but the world often knows and recognizes a con. Children of darkness are often wiser than children of light. So here is Samson, pursuing this beautiful woman he wants so badly. He wants his will; he wants his way. He has an agenda; he has a plan, he has a desire, he is working towards something when he says, ‘I know what I can do, I’ll become a liar and get what I want.’ Samson, a man that tied foxes tails together, set them on fire, challenged the enemy and laughed at the powers of darkness. Now he is a part of that darkness. So, now he is courting and flirting with Delilah; he is infatuated with her. Thus he chose the course of lies, and not just one! **If you ever hear a lie, there is a reason behind the lie.** I preach truth because I want to see people saved; if I wanted to see people damned, I would preach a lie!!!

Judges 16:10, “*And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.*” That woman of the world looked at a once anointed man and said, ‘you’re lying to me, and you’ve told me lie after lie!’ **This once anointed man had now become a liar.** Church members **can** become liars; Singers, Board Members, Ushers, Evangelists, and the Preacher can yield to this fatal tool. Are you listening? Satan’s greatest tool is for

you and me to take up a lie! It has worked and is working now! A lie is always after a response! If satan can get you to believe the lie, you will soon find out why he told you the lie. When Jesus comes to present truth to us, He does so to move us on into the fullness of Christ. When He gives us truth, it is to set us free and have eternal life! The opposite is also true!

Isaiah, Jeremiah, the Psalmists, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Nahum, Habback, Zephaniah and Zachariah all at some point exposed this damning tool! It’s been embedded in history since the beginning of time. Hosea 10:13 tells us that lies bear fruit. Amos 2:4, “*lies caused them to err.*” Don’t get drunk, just believe this lie. Don’t do heroin, just believe this lie. Don’t rob the bank, just believe this lie. No, you don’t have to throw your church clothes away, you can keep your Bible, stay in the church, just believe this lie! This matter is not only global but national and personal. Satan knows the powerful, persuasive force of a good lie. He presents it, well-orchestrated and in a way which leaves great question against truth! The worldly vices are often seen as the big sins. Yet, it is the lie from satan that’s greater than robbery and drugs. **Sins are simply the result of believing a lie.** John 8:36, “*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*”

I don’t know when, but there is going to be an ultimate, final lie from satan. This great final lie is when the antichrist says he is Christ. Now, I wish I could tell you that people won’t believe it. The Bible not only says they will believe that great lie but that people will worship it, paying the ultimate price: eternal damnation. The anti-christ is waiting on the wings of time.



Satan has waited and waited for his final lie: 'Worship the antichrist, not the Christ'. (Revelation 13:4) It began with a lie in Genesis, and it will end with a lie in Revelations. Satan is a liar. As a Pastor of many years, I could tell of the most heart-wrenching stories, all based on a lie.

The lies have worked so well that satan continues to use them with ease. Within marriages, satan presses his lies. What will happen if either one of them believes that lie? What if that husband hears the lie from satan, 'your wife doesn't love you.' What if the wife hears the lie, 'your husband doesn't love you?' There are two beautiful babies in the home. They have worked hard to have what they have. **That lie will produce fruit.** The files in our court systems are full. Our States Attorneys are trying to find a way to process cases faster. Now if that husband says, 'okay satan, I believe the lie that my wife doesn't love me,' statistics say he is going to have an affair; then they are going to get a divorce. The children will grow up without their Father or Mother. If he can just get you to believe the lie, he can have everything he wants!

In your heart, if you will be honest with yourself and God, you know satan has been attempting to sell you a lie, and you have almost believed him. Search your heart and let the Holy Spirit reveal satan's lies. Don't let this matter become a light thing. That is what satan wants. 'It's just a little lie; it's just something insignificant. Don't worry about it; everyone has bad days.' He wants you to believe it, so it can bear fruit. He wants that lie to cause you to err. Don't believe the lie!

***Spend all to buy truth, and sell it not!***



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