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## A BIBLICAL EXAMINATION OF LYING?

- Definition** You would likely get ten different answers if you asked ten different people for a definition of *lying*. Common generic statements: “It’s not telling the truth” or “It’s anything hurtful that misrepresents the truth.” Webster: to make an untrue statement with intent to deceive; to create a false or misleading impression. Thayer: a falsehood. (Eph 4:25) “Wherefore \_\_\_\_\_ lying, \_\_\_\_\_ every man \_\_\_\_\_ with his neighbour.”
- A Human Tendency** (a) We wouldn’t be commanded to “put away” lying if it wasn’t present. (b) The charge to “*speaking every man the truth*” would be unnecessary if truth was practiced by all. Do people lie for reasons of elevated ego? Material gain? Fear? Braggadocio? Could it be that people lie just from habit? \_\_\_\_\_ Paul describes (2 Thess 2:9) emulators of “*the \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan*” as presenting themselves with “\_\_\_\_\_ wonders.”
- An Interesting Fact** The English word “lying” is found 11X – 11V KJV NT. It applies only 2X to our subject (ie: speaking untruth). It is from the GK *pseudos*, which is otherwise translated “lie.” In other combinations it is translated with the ENG word “false.” Jesus said (Jn 8:44) that the Devil “*is a \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of it,*” that “*there is \_\_\_\_\_ in him,*” and the “*lusts of \_\_\_\_\_ ye will do.*” Liars are children of Satan, not children of God.
- All Liars** (Rev 21:8) “*All \_\_\_\_\_ shall have \_\_\_\_\_ in the lake which burneth with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: which is the second \_\_\_\_\_.*” The “second” death means eternal separation from God, not the physical separation (Jas 2:26) of body and spirit. This verse surely means every kind of liar that practices lying in any form whatsoever.
- God Cannot Lie** In Paul’s salutation to Titus he mentions that he acknowledges the truth and (1:2) states that he lives “*in \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal \_\_\_\_\_, which God, that \_\_\_\_\_, promised before the world began.*” God’s Word (Ps 119:89) “*is \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven,*” (V160) “*is \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning,*” (V140) “*is very \_\_\_\_\_,*” and (Jn 17:17) “*is \_\_\_\_\_.*”
- When It All Started** Yes, the Devil is a liar (Jn 8:44) and he practiced his deception with Mother Eve. She repeated (Gen 3:3), “*God hath said, Ye \_\_\_\_\_ of it, neither shall ye \_\_\_\_\_ it, lest ye die.*” The Devil immediately contradicted God. (V4) “*And the \_\_\_\_\_ said unto the woman, Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ surely \_\_\_\_\_.*” Did this lie cause any harm? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Immediate Results Of The First Lie** Eve succumbed to temptation prompted by the serpent’s lie. Did she want to believe this lie? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 3:6) “*She took of the fruit thereof, and \_\_\_\_\_.*” (V6b) She “*gave also unto her \_\_\_\_\_ with her; and \_\_\_\_\_.*” Read (1 Tim 2:14) and tell why Adam ate.
- The Consequences** God cursed the serpent (Gen 3:14-15). He cursed the woman (V16) and the man (V17-19). Were these perpetual curses to exist until the end of natural time on earth? \_\_\_\_\_ Would they continue in each generation? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 15:22) “*For as in \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_.*”