

“LIE NOT ONE TO THE OTHER”

(Col. 3:9-10)

“9 Lie not one to the other; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings, 10 and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him,” Col. 3:9-10. Here is a direct statement, a pointed injunction, a vivid command and a terse statement to the brethren of the Colossians: **“Lie not one to the other.”**

Some people have the habit of lying, **“Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons,”** Tit. 1:12. There were brethren at the church of Philadelphia who said they were Jews and were not, **“but do lie,”** Rev. 3:9. So, it is possible for some folks to lie to you and not tell you the truth. Please let me cite some in the Old and the New Testament who lied.

Do you remember the story of the **“young prophet”** and **“the old prophet?”** The young prophet, when called to go and cry out to the altar of Jeroboam, at Bethel, was told to not come back the same way he went and not to go into anyone’s house and eat bread or drink water? The young prophet did what God told him to do – he cried against Jeroboam and his altar. There was this “old prophet” in the land that came to him and found him under a tree resting. The old prophet told the young prophet to come into his house and eat bread and drink water. The young prophet knew he could not do this and said, *“I cannot.”* The old prophet told him and an angel appeared to him and told him it was alright. The Bible records this statement: **“But he lied unto him,” II Ki. 13:1-34.** The next vision presented in our text is the young prophet dead in the way with the donkey and the lion standing by the dead body. This young prophet lost his soul because he believed a lie that was told him. The old prophet lost his soul because he lied. In **Prov. 6:16-19** there are presented six things which Jehovah hates; yea seven is an abomination to him. The second sin listed is, **“A lying tongue,”** v. 17. This reminds one of the sin of a man and his wife in Acts 5:1-11, **“They lied not to men but to God,”** and according to the text they suffered the consequences – they were killed!

In the gospel of John it is presented that the Devil is, **“The father of lies,”** Jno. 8:44. The Jews tried to tell the Lord that Abraham was their father and Jesus said No, No. The Lord told them the Devil was their father. He, the Devil, was a murderer from the beginning, he told the first lie, Jno. 8:44. So, when one lies he is associated with the Devil and not with Abraham nor Jesus. Every time a lie is told, it immediately can be stated – **“his father is the Devil!”**

There is what is referred to as a **“false teacher,”** these are teachers who lie and tell not the truth. That is why they are called **“false teachers,”** or “false prophets.” Paul stated in II Thess. 2:9-12, *“Even he, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie; 12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* The Devil can fashion himself into an angel of light and his servants can fashion themselves into ministers of righteousness, II Cor. 11:14-15, all for the purpose of teaching lies.

The end result is, Rev. 21:8, **“All liars shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone!”** Caa

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