

## 7 Lies Of Satan

### **John 8:44 - NKJV**

<sup>44</sup> You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

**John 8:44 (MSG) – When the Liar speaks, he makes it up out of his lying nature and fills the world with lies.**

### **INTRO:**

#### **\*WHY DO PEOPLE LIE?**

1. We all know that Satan lies!
  - a. But, why do people lie?

Let me ask you **three questions:**

- b. How many of you have ever been lied to?
  - c. How many of you have ever been lied about?
  - d. How many of you have ever told a lie?
- Show of hands...Uh, oh! I think some of you just lied!

#### **\*ILLUSTRATION: SON IS A LIAR**

I read about a father who met with a child psychiatrist because he was “very concerned about the *wild lies* his son had been telling.”

- He asked the doctor, *“How can I get my son to stop telling these wild lies?”*
  - (1) The psychiatrist told the concerned father: *“Go home and tell your son the biggest lie you can think of. Then ask him if he believes it.”*
  - (2) *“Reality will set in, and he will realize what he has been doing, and will stop it.”*

**So, the father went home** and told his son this **phenomenal story:**

- *“Son, the other day when I was playing golf, the strangest thing happened...”*

- “A green poodle with yellow polka dots ran out of the woods and tried to bite me...
- Just as he started trying to bite me, a huge pink gorilla came out of the woods and started chasing the green poodle with yellow polka dots...
- And that green poodle with yellow polka dots **bit that huge pink gorilla on the neck and threw him into the lake!**”
- The father then asked his son, “**Do you believe that?**”
- To which the boy excitedly replied, “**Why YES! That was MY dog!**”

You know, **there’s just no help for some people!**

Allow me to interject something important here:

**When you reject the truth, all that’s left to believe is a lie!**

**The devil wants you to believe some lies that will destroy your family...**

Lies that will destroy...

- Your marriage...
- Your children...
- Your hopes and dreams...
- And, of course, **your soul!**

Today, I want to make all of us **keenly aware of how the devil operates.**

- Jesus tells us, “**For he is a liar and the father of lies,**” (John 8:44).
- And remember, **if you lie,** you are ***demonstrating a “kinship”*** with the devil!
- I don’t know about you, but I want to leave here today with a **greater dimension of truth** than ever before!

So, I want to reiterate what I’ve already said:

**When you reject the truth, you are left with, and forced to believe, a lie!**

**\*TEN COMMANDMENTS REMOVED**

**In Manhattan, Kansas,** a few years ago, city officials removed a five-foot-high granite tablet with the Ten Commandments on it from City Hall.

**Why?**

Because **they feared** a lawsuit from the ACLU!

- **They did not fear God** – they feared the ACLU!
- **Psalm 2:11** – *Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling.*

**Preachers** in many churches today are preaching “Pop Psychology” and a “Hot Tub” Christianity that dodges the tough issues of sin!

- They are trying to get a congregation *to “feel good” without “being good!”*
- And people are too busy trying to **“explain” their sins, instead of repenting of their sins!**
- They want to **place blame for their sinful actions on everyone except themselves**, because they think that **if they can place blame, they are not responsible for their own actions!**
- **This is the approach** that led city officials **to fear the ACLU** more than **they feared God.**

What we need in our cities and in our churches today is **preachers who will preach the Word of God without apology!**

- They should **preach it with anointing** or go out and sell insurance!
- I would dare say that a preacher **who will not** address **the harshness and reality of sin,** along with **its horrible consequences,** **is not called to preach at all!**

## **7 LIES SATAN WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE**

**The First Lie** Satan wants you to believe that **God’s Word is not true.**

God told Adam and Eve **not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

**The consequence of disobedience** **was certain death.**

- **Satan told Eve,** however, ***“You will not surely die...instead, you’ll be like God, knowing good from evil.”***
- This **appealed to Eve’s ego.**
- **Listen to this Pastor:** **When someone appeals to your ego,** they are trying **to control you!**
- All of us need to know this – it is imperative that we do!

### Sin has three forms:

- First, it is a “**fascination.**”
- Second, it is a “**form.**”
- Finally, it is a “**fact.**”
  
- Sin is a **fascination** in the mind first!
- Then it takes on a **form** – something or someone becomes the object of your desires.
- And finally you find yourself involved in the “**fact**” (which is really the “ACT”).

Adam and Eve rejected the truth of God’s Word and were driven out of the Garden; and an angel with a flaming sword guarded the entrance.

**Because they believed Satan’s number one lie, they were cursed!**

- **Adam** was cursed by having to live “*by the sweat of [his] brow.*”
- **Eve** was cursed by having to endure the “*pain of childbirth.*”
- **The serpent** was cursed (as well as **the ground**, which suddenly became covered with thorns, thistles and weeds).

### WHY?

When you reject the truth of God’s Word, life becomes a living hell.

***Adam could have said, as so many people do today: “But God, I didn’t eat all of the fruit...I just took ONE bite!”***

- For some reason, people seem to think that ***the number of incidents of a sin*** makes a difference in the consequences.
- They’ll say, “**We only did it ONE TIME!**”

**Remember, friend, it only takes ONE cancer cell to destroy the whole body!**

- **And sin is like a cancer...**
- Either you **defeat and destroy the sin** in your life, or that **sin will destroy your life.**
- It only takes one snort of cocaine to become a cocaine addict!
- It only takes one incident of fornication to become pregnant or infected with a terrible disease like AIDS.

**Lot's Wife** was holding the hand of an angel and looked back just "one time," and that one short glance cost that woman her life!

- **Just one glance!**
- Holding the hand of an angel!
- Touching God, she lost out!

Listen, you can touch the very hand of God today, **make a wrong decision tomorrow, and be lost!**

- **Don't let the devil convince you** that God's Word is not true or relevant to today.
- Believe it or not, there are some who say that **the Bible is not relevant** to the times we live in.
- That's about like a gnat pulling up beside an eagle and saying, "Let me teach you how to fly."

**The Bible is far superior** to the midget mentality that these people are trying to reason with.

- **Listen:** The Bible does not need to get in step with society – with us...
- **We need to get in step and in tune with the Bible!**

**The second lie** that Satan wants you to believe is that **"God will make an exception for you."**

**WRONG!**

- God never makes an exception for anybody when it comes to sin!
- In Joshua 7:12, Israel could not stand before their enemies...

**WHY?**

Because Achan had taken a wedge of gold and a garment from the Babylonians when they were told not to take anything.

- **Listen:** It's not different strokes for different folks when it comes to God and sin...
- Achan and his entire family were stoned to death **because of Achan's actions.**

**The third lie** Satan wants you to believe is that **"you can't be happy if you live the Christian life – if you live for God."**

Let's talk about "Happy..."

- **"Happy Hour"** in the world is when a bunch of drunks cry on each other's shoulders about their problems.
- You call that happy?

I'll tell you what ***true happiness is...***

- Happiness is ***knowing that your sins or forgiven and forgotten by God!***
- Happiness is knowing that ***your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life!***
- Happiness is the slate of ***your past being wiped clean in the Blood of Jesus*** and knowing that, because of this, ***you are on your way to heaven!***

The fourth lie that Satan wants you to believe is that ***there are "many ways to God."***

We call it religion - Let me tell you about religion – **religion is a curse!**

Religion is a **man-made effort** to escape an encounter with Jesus Christ.

Because of **RELIGION**, in India cows are fat, rats are fat, and people are starving to death!

- Now, **concerning modern-day Christianity**, there are those who would declare that going to heaven is like going to New York City – there are **hundreds of ways to get there...**
- **This is one of the biggest lies that Satan** has devised for people today...
- They believe that because **their RELIGION carries the label of Christianity**, they are **automatically saved...**
- They say ***"we all have differing views of worship, but we all serve the same Jesus."***

**Ephesians 4:4-6** – <sup>4</sup> ***There is one body and one Spirit***, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> ***one Lord, one faith, one baptism;*** <sup>6</sup> ***one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.***

- **There is not** many ways to God; **there is only ONE WAY** to God.

***The fifth lie*** that Satan wants you to believe is that ***your sin is your business...that you're not hurting anyone but yourself.***

According to **Deuteronomy 5:9**.

- In fact, **the sins of the fathers** will visit *the children to the third and fourth generation.*
- **LISTEN: What you do will affect your children,** your grandchildren, and your great-grandchildren!

FOUR GENERATIONS!

- **That's 160 years!**
- **But, with one trip to an altar of repentance, you can break the chain of curses and open the floodgates of blessing for your children and grandchildren...**

**CLOSE :**

**B. TWO FINAL LIES THAT SATAN WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE...**

The **SIXTH LIE** that Satan wants you to believe is that ***there is no judgment day.***

But the writer of ***Hebrews informs us*** quite simply:

**Hebrews 9:27** – And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

The **seventh and final lie** that Satan wants you to believe is that ***you have plenty of time.***

He wants you to believe that you have plenty of time to **get right with God...**

I've had folks tell me, ***"I know I need to get things right with God, but there are some things I need to do first..."***

The Bible tells us in **Proverbs 27:1** to, **Do not boast about tomorrow,** For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

**ALTAR CALL**

- What if tomorrow **never comes for you?**
- What if today **were to be your last?**

- In eternity, will you be **meeting your Savior or your Judge?**
- **Don't believe any more lies of the devil** – give your life to the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Won't you come?