
Words of Truth

Habitual Believers Of Lies

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There are good habits and bad habits that people develop in this life. Some people habitually study the Bible on a daily basis, which is a good habit (Acts 17:10-11 and II Timothy 2:14-18). Some people assemble with Christians every time they meet, which is a good habit (Hebrews 10:23-25). Others have bad practices that they do on a regular basis such as laziness (Proverbs 19:15 and Hebrews 6:12), alcoholism (Proverbs 20:1, Proverbs 21:17, Proverbs 23:20-21, Proverbs 23:29-35, Proverbs 31:4-5, Isaiah 5:11, Isaiah 5:22, Isaiah 28:7-8, Hosea 4:11, Habakkuk 2:15, Matthew 26:41, Luke 21:33-34, Romans 13:13, I Corinthians 6:9-10, Ephesians 5:17-18, I Thessalonians 5:7-8, Titus 2:1-6, I Peter 4:1-5, and I Peter 5:8), hypocrisy (Job 8:13, Job 13:16, Job 15:34, Job 20:5, Matthew 6:1-2, Matthew 7:1-5, Luke 12:1, and I Peter 2:1-2), etc.

We should know that the world we live in is full of sin (Galatians 1:3-4 and I John 5:19). We SHOULD also know that there are false teachers in “pulpits” and “pews” among Christians (Acts 20:28-31, Galatians 5:7-9, Jude 3-4, II Peter 2:1-3, and Revelation 2:14-24). Therefore, we SHOULD NOT be surprised that there will be people in the world and amongst saints that will lie to us (John 8:39-47, Titus 1:10-14, I John 2:3-6, and Revelation 2:2).

God teaches us not to be a trusting people (Jeremiah 29:8-9 and I John 4:1). It is the naïve person who believes everything that he or she is told (Proverbs 14:15). Jesus tells us to BEWARE of false Christians (Matthew 7:15-20). Our Lord does NOT want us to be deceived (Matthew 24:4, Romans 16:17-18, and Ephesians 5:6).

With those plain instructions, would you believe that there are actually people who like being lied to? You should believe it. It is a biblical fact that some people want to be lied to. They seek out such people who will lie to them and tell them what they want to hear. These people have a normal practice of allowing themselves to be lied to. In fact, some people actually love being lied to.

They Love To Be Lied To

There was a time with Israel when they rebelled against God and sought help from heathens. During that time, the children of Israel actually asked the prophets to lie to them. Notice: *“Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach. The*

burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them. For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still. Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us" (Isaiah 30:1-11).

It is hard to imagine a group of people, who have known God, that want to be lied to. Yet, it happened. There are those who even get trapped by lying predators and they want it that way. Notice: *"Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof"* (Jeremiah 5:25-31)?

Are there people today like this? Paul, through inspiration of God (I Corinthians 2:9-13 and II Timothy 3:15-17), says there are. Notice this: *"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry"* (II Timothy 4:1-5).

Conclusion

This study reveals to us that there are those who want to believe lies. As troubling as that should be to you and I, it is a fact. Therefore, we should understand that when we are trying to teach some people they'd just rather believe the lies that are taught in abundance about us. God allows, and has even aided, this for those who so choose to believe lies (II Thessalonians 2:10-12).

The other part of this lesson that we need to think about is concerning ourselves. We must also examine ourselves to make sure that we are not seeking to believe lies (II Corinthians 13:5). Traditions of men (Mark 7:1-9 and Colossians 2:8), carnal loyalty to preachers (I Corinthians 1:10-18, I Corinthians 3:1-3, and II Corinthians 11:3-4), etc. cause people to believe things that they hear regardless as to whether or not they are true. Once these things become a habit, then you have a person or group of people that habitually believe lies. It is hard to change said people. Let's therefore work diligently to be sure that we are not or do not become those types of people.