

The Lord Hates Lying

Proverbs 6:17

There are six things which the LORD **hates**,
Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:
Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed innocent blood,
A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that run rapidly to evil,
A false witness who utters lies,
And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Jesus Describing Satan:

Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES John 8:44

Jesus Describing the Holy Spirit:

But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, He will guide you into all the truth;
John 16:13

Jesus Describing Himself: I am the way, the **Truth** and the Life

Biblical Themes:

Lying is akin to aligning with Satan in opposition to walking in the Spirit (of Truth).

Lying is looked upon by God on par with murder and other seemingly “worse” sins.

Revelation 22:15

Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices **lying**.

Proverbs 19:9

A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells **lies** will perish.

Proverbs 30:7-9

Two things I asked of You,
Do not refuse me before I die:

Keep deception and lies far from me,
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me with the food that is my portion,
That I not be full and deny You and say, "Who is the LORD?"
Or that I not be in want and steal,
And profane the name of my God.

Psalm 120:2

Deliver my soul, O LORD, from **lying** lips, From a deceitful tongue.

Proverbs 12:19

Truthful lips will be established forever, But a **lying** tongue is only for a moment.

Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

Proverbs 21:6

The acquisition of treasures by a **lying** tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

Proverbs 26:28

A **lying** tongue hates those it crushes, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Ezekiel 13:9

"So My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter **lying** divinations. They will have no place in the council of My people, nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am the Lord GOD.

Zechariah 10:2

For the teraphim speak iniquity, And the diviners see **lying** visions And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep, They are afflicted, because there is no shepherd.

Paul, several times in his letters, uses, "I am not lying".

Revelation 21:27

And nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and **lying**, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Psalm 58:3

The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak **lies** go astray from birth.

Psalm 59:12

On account of the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips, Let them even be caught in their pride, And on account of curses and **lies** which they utter.

Jeremiah 9:3

“They bend their tongue like their bow; **Lies** and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me,” declares the LORD.

Hosea 7:13

Woe to them, for they have strayed from Me! Destruction is theirs, for they have rebelled against Me! I would redeem them, but they speak **lies** against Me.

Revelation 21:8

But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all **liars**, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Consequences*Fate of Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5*

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife’s full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it. The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter responded to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?” And she said, “Yes, that was the price.” Then Peter said to her, “Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well.” And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and

they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

Liars often influence other people to tell lies.

Proverbs 29:12

If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his servants become wicked.

Lying tends to feed on itself. The more some people tell lies, the more other people become involved, especially when people in influential positions tell lies. Children often learn to practice lying from their parents. Jacob learned it from his mother, and his sons learned it from Jacob and from his mother and his uncle. A son observed his father cheat on his income tax. The father sent the son to tell a salesman he was not home. An uncle bribed a police officer to avoid a ticket. Later the son was expelled from a military academy for cheating. The father said, "I just don't understand it! Where did you learn to act like that?" Is your example teaching your children to be liars? If so, you can expect them to lie to you!

Lying Leads to Loss of Respect and Confidence.

Who can trust someone who is known to tell lies?

Psalm 40:4

Those who love God do not respect those who turn aside to lies. People want friends they can trust and rely on. If you want good people to respect and trust you, don't lie.

Psalms 101:7

He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence. Good people cannot afford to continue to associate with liars, and surely cannot tolerate it in their own homes.

Jeremiah 9:4,5

People could not trust even their own brother because they would lie and deceive. A liar is not trustworthy. You never know when he's lying.

Young people need to learn this lesson early. If you lie to your parents about where you go or what you do, it ruins your relationship. Some complain, "Why don't you trust me?" "I only told one lie." That's all it takes to destroy trust. After that they never know when we are lying.

Have you ruined other people's trust in you by telling lies?

Lying Alienates from God and Condemns Eternally

Proverbs 12:22; 6:16-19

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight. Remember that lying is twice in the list of things that God hates.

Psalm 5:6

God will destroy those who speak falsehood. He abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

God is true and cannot lie (Titus 1:2). When we lie, He cannot fellowship us. We separate ourselves from Him.

Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and **all liars**—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

All liars will have part in the second death, the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:27; 22:14,15

He who makes lies will in no wise enter into the holy city. But everyone who loves and makes a lie will be outside the city.

Lying is the common cold of spiritual diseases. It is probably the most common sin committed by men, including Christians. As a result, many people consider it minor. They speak of "little white lies." But no lie is little or white. Unlike colds, lies are deadly: spiritually deadly. They will eternally damn those who do not repent.

If we want spiritual fellowship with God, we must love truth, speak truth, and remove lying and deceit from our lives.

[Isaiah 59:1-4; Romans 1:29,32; Proverbs 19:5,9; 21:28; Psalm 5:6; 55:23; Zechariah 8:17; 5:4; Ezekiel 13:6-9; Psalm 58:3]

God cannot lie - [1 Peter 2:22; John 14:6; 1:14; 16:13; Romans 3:4; Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; John 17:17; Hebrews 6:18; Isaiah 53:9]