

# Don't Believe a Lie!

## Introduction

### Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

1. **It is always bad to believe a lie. But it is especially bad to believe a lie concerning religious matters because this could cause you to lose your soul.**

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2. **Our lesson deals with not believing a lie in the spiritual realm.**

## Each Thing We Hear Is Either the Truth or a Lie

1. **Truth comes from God and will help to save our souls.**

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2. **Lying originated with the devil and all liars are under his influence.**

John 8:44 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.

**3. Each thing man hears he either accepts as truth, perhaps after investigation, or rejects it as a lie.**

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe that He is**, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.**

**4. We can't just ignore a matter in the religious realm; it's either true or false. Therefore, we must heed:**

**A. What we hear.**

Mark 4:24 Then He said to them, "**Take heed what you hear.** With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

Romans 10:17 So then **faith comes by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.

**B. How we hear.**

Luke 8:18 Therefore **take heed how you hear.** For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

Acts 10:33 So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, **to hear all the things commanded you by God."**

**C. Whom we hear.**

Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**"

**Acts 3:22-23****Lies, Believed as Truth, Are Dangerous**

1. **Believing just one lie about a religious matter can cause the soul to be lost.**
  - A. **That is all that the Devil needed - just one lie - to deceive Eve.**

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he....

2. **A person's heart can be so filled with false doctrine that it is not receptive to the truth.**
3. **We must always ensure that we are taking steps to avoid either situation.**

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

**Bible Examples of Those Who Believed a Lie**

1. **Adam and Eve believed the lie of the serpent, sinned against God and brought the wrath of God upon them.**  
**Genesis 3:1-6**
2. **The ten spies made a false report; it was believed by the nation of Israel, and they wandered many years in the wilderness.**  
**Numbers 13:25-33; 14:1-45**

- 3. In 1 Kings 13, The false prophet posed as one with the truth; the prophet of God believed a lie and was destroyed.**

## **Satan Uses Many Lies to Cause People Be Lost**

- 1. Satan has deceived many into thinking it makes no difference what you believe.**

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who **obey Him**,

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father** in heaven.

- 2. The devil keeps millions out of the church by leading them to believe that one church is as good as another.**

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to **shepherd the church of God** which He purchased with His own blood.

- 3. Satan lies when he leads people to believe that baptism is not necessary in the plan of salvation.**

Mark 16:16 He who **believes and is baptized will be saved**; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

1 Peter 3:21 There is also **an antitype which now saves us—baptism** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**4. Satan has deceived many into believing that it's impossible to fall from grace.**

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands **take heed lest he fall.**

Romans 11:22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, **if you continue in His goodness.** Otherwise you also will be cut off.

**5. Many church members have allowed the devil to fool them when it comes to attending all the services of the church.**

**Hebrews 10:23-26**

**6. Some have been deceived by Satan and think that they do not have to give as they have been prospered.**

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, **so you must do also:** On the first day of the week **let each one of you lay something aside,** storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

2 Corinthians 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

## Conclusion

1. **We CAN know that all these things are lies because they are contrary to what the Word of God teaches.**
  - A. **The Bible is our authority in religion. If man tells you something contrary to Jesus' teaching then he should be accursed.**  
**Galatians 1:6-8**
2. **If you are practicing just "ONE" thing that you know is not according to God's Word, then you are practicing a lie!**
  - A. **One that is striving to be perfect as God is perfect is one that is striving to obey ALL His will, not just bits and pieces.**
3. **What is your condition this morning?**
  - A. **Are you living your life for Christ or for deceivers?**

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