

BELIEVING A LIE

John 17:17: "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

2 Thess. 2:3-11: Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 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. But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, which by word or our epistle. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work."

Rom. 1:21-25: "Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO BELIEVED A LIE.

- A. Eve - (Gen. 3:4) “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’”
1. The results of this sin is too well known.
 2. All mankind has had to suffer from this lie.
- B. Isaac - (Gen. 27) Blessed Jacob instead of Esau.
1. Went by feeling and intuition.
 2. Made a decision when not sure in own mind.
- C. Jacob - (Gen. 37) Deceived about Joseph.
1. He truly believed Joseph to be dead.
 2. Reaping the results of his past duplicity.
- D. Young Prophet - (1 Kings 13:18) “He said to him, ‘I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.’ (He was lying to him.)”
1. Sent to Israel to prophesy against altars Jeroboam had erected on which to worship God.
 2. Told not to eat nor spend the night in Israel.
 - a. Refused Jeroboam’s offer but was caught unaware by the LIE of the old prophet.
 3. He should have implicitly obeyed God.

WHY PEOPLE BELIEVE LIES:

- A. Do not love the truth - John 7:14-17: “Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, ‘How does this Man know letters, having never studied?’ Jesus answered them and said, ‘My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.’”
- B. Follow the traditions of their fathers.

1. Hebrews certainly guilty of this.
2. Teaching vain traditions of their fathers.
 - a. Accept teaching ipso facto.
- C. Ignorant of the teaching of God's word.
- D. Never had the opportunity to hear God's will.
 1. Some because of Geographical obstacles.
 2. Some because of Political obstacles.
 3. Difficulty in teaching languages and dialects.

SOME LIES PEOPLE BELIEVE:

- A. That baptism is not essential to salvation.
- B. Predestination - Doctrine of limited atonement.
- C. Universalism - Doctrine of unlimited atonement.
- D. That morality alone will save.
- E. No Heaven or Hell - Position of Jehovah's Witnesses.
- F. Premillennialism.
- G. That Bible is not sole standard of authority.

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS BELIEVING LIES IS CLEAR IN TEXT:

- A. Re-read 2 Thess.. 2:3-12.
- B. Bible either means what It says or it does not.
- C. Deut. 4:2: You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."

Gal. 1:3-11: "Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you

in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.”

Rev. 22:18-19: “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

D. God expects us to “prove all things, hold fast to God.”

****John 17:17****