

ABHOR LYING

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"I hate and abhor lying..." (Psalm 119:163). Although Psalm 119 is an "Orphan Psalm" (No author is specified), there are several good arguments to suggest that the traditional view that it was penned by king David is correct. If it was David who wrote this Psalm, we can certainly understand his hatred for lying, for it was his lying and deception that led him to the murder of Bathsheba's husband.

But what about us? How do we feel about lying? We should certainly hate Religious lies. False doctrine leads to the deception and destruction of precious souls. We should do all we can to limit the damage (Jude 3, 23-24).

We must also abhor telling lies ourselves. Lies, even "Small ones," have the ability to separate the most intimate of relationships. They steal away that precious trust that is so difficult to reestablish. We certainly despise being lied about. Not many things can anger us more than to learn that someone has lied about us in order to defame and disparage our character.

Finally, God hates a lying tongue (Proverbs 6:16-17), and he punishes "All liars" with eternity in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). Our prayer should be, "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips And from a deceitful tongue" (Psalm 120:2). ☞

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- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

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- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
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- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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SAVING THE DECEIVED

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Along with the Lord, Paul, Peter, John; Jude emphasized that false teachers abound, and we need to beware. Jude spent the entirety of his short epistle speaking of these deceivers. In verses 22-23, Jude admonishes us as to our approach of those being deceived by the false teacher(s). Different folks require different approaches. Jude speaks of three essential qualities that we need in our approach(es)....

Compassion. Some who are being deceived are those Paul refers to as "The simple" (Romans 16:18). These are those not well grounded in biblical truths, either because they are new to the faith, or they have not studied as they should. Jude refers to these in verse 23 as "Those who doubt" (ESV), and tells us we should approach them with "Compassion." They doubt, they're not certain of the truth on the issue, their ignorance is leading them to entertain the error, or to be tolerant with the one teaching the error. Paul likely had these in mind when he wrote, "In humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and

escape the snare of the devil..." (2 Timothy 2:25).

Constraint. Force or pressure. There are some with whom we must be more direct, bolder. Jude makes the distinction when he wrote, "But others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh" (Jude 23). These are those who more adamantly accept the error, who should know better, who have studied for years. Sometimes we have to deliver them to Satan through church discipline in order to pull them from the grasp of Satan's error (1 Corinthians 5:5), in order to "Pull them from the fire" (save their souls from eternal punishment). This approach should be made to them at least twice, "Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition" (Titus 3:10). If they do not come to their senses, they must be marked and avoided (Romans 16:17-18).

Caution. Just as Jesus (Luke 17:3) and Paul (Galatians 6:1-2) had done, Jude teaches that we must approach the one in error "With fear." Cautiously. We're dealing with the influence and error of Satan here, we must not be so proud as to think we ourselves cannot be tempted to believe the error. ☞

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"I KNOW"

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We often use the phrase "I Know." So does the Bible...

"O Lord, **I know** the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Many in religion today do not know what Jeremiah knew. As a result, we have millions who claim to trust in Jesus, yet their claim is false because they do not accept all of His words. Jesus stated "*He who believes and is baptized shall be saved*" (Mark 16:16). I know that Jesus meant what He said. I know that salvation is only in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10) and that it is baptism that puts one into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). I know that one cannot be saved until his sins are gone (Romans 6:23) and that it is baptism that makes sins go away (Acts 22:16). I know that baptism saves (1 Peter 3:21); But many people cannot say "I know" when it comes to baptism being necessary for salvation. That men try to direct their own steps regarding the plan of salvation and other matters is evident by the existence of church manuals, catechisms, synods, conventions, disciplines, etc. These man-made books of doctrine fluently contradict the word of God. We should know that it is not in man to direct his own steps. Those who truly know Jesus will forsake man-made doctrines and trust fully in Him by keeping His commandments. "*He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him*" (1 John 2:4).

"For **I know** that my Redeemer lives" (Job 19:25). We sing this song, but do we really believe it? If so, it will be evidenced in our lives. Our speech will be sanctified and filled with salt, while being absent of harsh words and filthy language (Colossians 4:6; Colossians 3:8). If we live like "I know my Redeemer lives," we will be thankful for every opportunity to worship the Lord with His people (Hebrews 10:25). If we live like "I know that my Redeemer lives," people will look at our good works and come to respect the true God of heaven (Matthew 5:13-16). Let's not just sing the words, let's truly KNOW that our Redeemer lives.

"Nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for **I know** Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul knew Who he had believed. It was Jesus! It is in Jesus where our true faith should be. Some hinge their faith to a preacher, so when that preacher falls or goes into error, they lose their faith and leave the Lord. Some have their faith hinged upon a church, so when that church strays away from the Gospel they just stop being a part of a church. Some hinge their faith upon a family member, so when that family member leaves the Lord, so do they. It is good that we learn from, follow the example of, and be influenced by those who are faithful to the Lord (1 Corinthians 11:1); but it is not in these where we ultimately put our faith. When all forsook Paul, he continued to be faithful to the Lord because it was in the Lord that Paul believed, and he knew Whom he had believed (2 Timothy 4:16-17).

Know that it is not in man to direct his own steps, know that your redeemer lives, and know Whom you have believed; then you can know that you will be in heaven in eternity. "*These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may KNOW that you HAVE eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God*" (1 John 5:13). ☞

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

The Name "Christian"

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DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glenn Isbell
Reading: Acts 26:24-29
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Ben Green
Serve.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Ben Green

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

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- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!