

To Tell The Truth

God and truth go hand in hand. He is the source of all that is true. God's spokesman Moses declared concerning God that "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, *God of truth* and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deut 32:4). God "cannot lie"; it is "impossible for God to lie" (Titus 1:2; Heb 6:16). God's "word is truth", Jesus said (John 17:17). So it shouldn't surprise us to read in God's word statements like these:

"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight" (Prov 12:22). Among the seven things that are an abomination to God is "a lying tongue" (Prov 6:17). "A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies will not escape...he who speaks lies shall perish" (Prov 19:5, 9)

A lie is a "conscious and intentional falsehood" (Thayer). It is to speak with the intent of misleading or deceiving the listener. Apparently this deadly course of action began with Satan. "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" (John 8:44). The implication of this statement from Jesus is that before Satan lied there was everywhere a condition of peace and truth. What does that tell you about this world in which there is so much unrest? The great transgression is not adultery or idolatry, but that which gave birth to these and all other sins – the lie.

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