



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Peace to you and grace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and us. We pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of His calling and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of believing with power. That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In the [January 2023](#) teaching, we searched, traced, and tracked in God's Word the Greek words for our English words “**be conformed**” and “**world**” documented in Romans 12:2. We learned we must renew our minds to fashion ourselves according to God's Word as our Lord and savior Jesus Christ did! Our conduct and actions are to be conformed to God's Word! We also learned we must renew our minds to remember God our Father, with His son, have freely given us all things so that we are able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, length, depth, and height of God's Word!

We must always keep in our minds the return of Christ to gather together the Church of the body. (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

In this month's teaching we will discuss the following:

- Who does God's Word declare is the father of lies?
- Can God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father lie?
- Did Jesus Christ always speak and teach the truth?
- What does God's Word tell His children to do when it comes to lying?

It is common in today's world for people to speak lies. Some people have made a doctrine or standard to speak lies as part of their daily living. They do not dwell in the truth of God's Word, because there is no truth of God's Word in them. Speaking the truth is detestable and loathsome to them. The common word for lying in today's world is disinformation or false narrative. In contrast, we, that are born-again of God's Spirit (Romans 10:9) in the body of Christ and the household of God, are to be followers or imitators of God our Father (Ephesians 5:1) and speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)!

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us:

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable **for doctrine, for reproof, for correction**, for instruction in righteousness. (Bold added for emphasis).*

Who does God's Word declare is the father of lies?

Let's turn to John 8:44 where Jesus confronted people born of the devil's seed who were lying. Even today, people born of the seed of the devil exist and speak lies!

*Ye [these Scribes and Pharisees] are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he [the devil] speaketh a **lie**, he speaketh of his own: for he is **a liar**, and the **father** of it. (Bold added for emphasis). See teachings of [September 2021](#) and [October 2021](#).*

God's Word plainly states that the devil "speaketh a lie." The devil is a liar and the father of lies! The devil dwells not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When a foundation is built on lies, it will eventually fall to pieces. It cannot stand!

Acts 5:1-3:

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart **to lie to the Holy Ghost**, and **to keep back part of the price of the land?** (Bold added for emphasis).*

Who filled Ananias's heart to lie? Satan or the devil! Who fills people hearts to lie today? The devil. When we speak a lie, we are doing the works of the devil, the father of lies!

Can God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father lie?

Let's look at Numbers 23:19:

*God is not a man, **that he should lie**; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Bold added for emphasis)*

Titus 1:2:

*In hope of eternal life, which God, **that cannot lie**, promised before the world began. (Bold added for emphasis)*

Hebrews 6:18:

*That by two immutable things, in which it was **impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. (Bold added for emphasis)*

God's Word declares "God is not a man, that he should lie" (Numbers 23:19), God cannot lie (Titus 1:2), and it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18)!

Romans 3:4 sums it up by stating:

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Did Jesus Christ always speak and teach the truth? Let's see what God's Word tells us.

Matthew 22:16:

And they [the Pharisees] sent out unto him [Jesus] their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

John 4:23-24:

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Jesus said in John 8:32:

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:40:

But [in contrast] now ye [Pharisees] seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

John 8:55:

Yet ye [these Scribes and Pharisees] have not known him [God, his Father]; but I know him [God, his Father]: and if I should say, I know him [God, his Father] not, I [Jesus] shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him [God, his Father], and keep his saying [word].

These verses tell us that the Scribes and Pharisees had not known through experience the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus experientially knew the one true God, his Father. He said if I say I do not know Him, "I shall be a liar like unto you" (John 8:55). Jesus had a clear picture of God, his Father, and kept His Word!

John 14:6:

Jesus saith unto him [Thomas], I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus did not say. "I am one of the ways;" he said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" There are many wonderful people that have done extraordinary things in this world, but none of them was "*declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead*" (Romans 1:4). Jesus Christ is our example of telling and teaching the truth of God's Word!

In Matthew 22:16:

He taught the way of God in truth.

In John 8:32;

Jesus said we shall know: *the truth, and the truth shall make us free.*

John 8:40:

He [Jesus] was a man that told the [truth of God's Word].

And in John 14:6, Jesus is presented as the truth and the only way to God our Father.

What does God's Word tell His children to do when it comes to lying?

Ephesian 4:24-25:

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

*Wherefore putting away **lying**, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. (**Bold** added for emphasis).*

God's Word declares that we, His children, are to put on, by our free will, the new man who is after God and is created in righteousness and true holiness. We are to put away lying and speak truth with our neighbors. The word "lying" is *pseudos* which is transliterated into "*pseudo*" which means not genuine, spurious or a sham. Therefore, you put away the lying which puts the Devil away. Remember, the devil is the father of lies (see John 8:44).

God's Word tells us that we are to stop lying! We are to speak the truth with everyone! The truth of God's Word is our standard and our foundation! God's Word instructs in the following ways.

Colossians 3:9:

***Lie not one to another**, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds [works]. (**Bold** added for emphasis).*

James 3:14-16:

*But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and **lie not against the truth**. (**Bold** added for emphasis).*

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

1 John 4:20-21:

*If a man says, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a **liar**: for he, that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (**Bold** added for emphasis).*

And this commandment have we from him [God], That he who loveth God love his brother also.

God's commandments to His children are:

- Put away lying; speak truth with our neighbors.
- Lie not one to another.
- Lie not against the truth.
- Love our brothers and sisters.

Ephesians 4:15 tells us to speak the truth in love:

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

Ephesians 5:1:

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.

In this verse, the word “*followers*” is the word “imitators” or imitating. Therefore, we are told to be imitators of God our Father as beloved children. When we speak the truth, we are imitating God our Father who cannot lie!

Romans 12:1-2 reminds that to speak the truth, we must not be influenced (or conformed) by this world:

I beseech [beg] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable [well pleasing] unto God, which is your reasonable [religious] service.

And be not conformed [by the five senses information] to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind [to God's revealed Word], that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable [well pleasing], and perfect, will of God.

Based on God's Word we read it is good, and acceptable, well pleasing, and perfect, will of God for His children to put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor, lie not one to another and lie not against the truth of God's Word. But, in contrast, we speak the truth in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation!

We are to be honestly genuine in love. Purpose that we may grow up and develop into him in all things. Christ in us is salvation! We in Christ is our walk in the Lord which is the head of the body of believers!

In this month's teaching, we learned that:

- The devil is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44).
- God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father is not a man, that he should lie (Number 23:19).
- God cannot lie (Titus 1:2) and it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18).
- Jesus Christ His only begotten son *taught the way of God in truth* (Matthew 22:16).
- Jesus said we shall know *the truth, and the truth shall make us free* (John 8:32)!
- *Jesus was a man that told the truth of God's Word* (John 8:40).
- Jesus is the truth and the only way to God our Father (John 14:6)!

God's Word commands His children by our free will choice to put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor. Lie not one to another and lie not against the truth of God's Word. We are to be imitators of God our Father as beloved children.

Almighty God, we pray that our love may abound increasingly in knowledge and in all judgment. Father, we ask that we approve things that are excellent and that we may be sincere and without offence until the day of Christ. We thank you for filling us with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, the humble one now glorified, to the glory and praise of you Father. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In the Lord,

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Son of God through Jesus Christ
Ambassador for Christ