God and Lying Can you handle the TRUTH?

A Bible study on lying and telling the truth.



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GOD'S VIEW OF SIN

God is holy. He is perfect and there is no sin in God. Or in other words, God hates sin! It's like someone making your favorite food and putting it in front of you but before he gives it to you he dumps manure on it, mixes in dirt, cigarette butts and then asks you to eat it. OK, I'll wait here until you get back from puking... Do you understand? You are God's favorite creation but when we sin we make God want to puke. That's why he sent his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sin so that he can now look at us through the eyes of Jesus rather than our own sin.

READ

Isaiah 59:2-3 "2 But your iniquities have <u>separated you from your God</u>; your sins have <u>hidden his face from you</u>, so that <u>he will not hear</u>. 3 For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things."

What does this verse say sin does to your relationship with God?

THE SIN OF LYING

Read these verses

Psalm 5:6 "You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

Psalm 34:13 "keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies."

Psalm 51:6a "Surely you desire truth in the inner parts..."

Psalm 101:6-7 "6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me. 7 No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.

Proverbs 6:16-19 "16 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers."

Proverbs 12:22 "The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful."

Proverbs 19:5 "A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free."

Which verse stands out to you the most and why?

Why do you think people lie?

Some people lie because it benefits them in some way. Like lying to get out of trouble, or lying to save a friend from trouble, or lying to make people think a certain way about you.

Read this verse...

Proverbs 20:17 "Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man, but he ends up with a mouth full of gravel."

This verse talks about people's lies seem good at first... but in the end it only leads to more trouble. Simply put, lying promises to please but fails to satisfy.

Read this verse...

John 8:44 "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Where does lying come from?

What does that mean when you lie? OR Who are you acting like when you lie?

GOD OF TRUTH

God is a God of truth. As a matter of fact, he is truth. All truth comes from him and anyone wanting to be of the truth must come to God and surrender their life to him. You cannot be a person of truth on your own. You must come to the realization that you need God. Have you come to God and surrendered your life to Jesus Christ? If not, read these verses and tell God you want to believe in his truth and be free from the lies of the world.

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

John 8:32 Jesus says, "...the truth will set you free."

If you have already surrendered your life to God then you should start living like it. Do not settle for being a "Sunday only Christian." God wants all of you. Ask God to help you live a life that pleases him.

Ask God to forgive you of your sin...

1 John 1:9-10 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives."

Pray for God's help...

Psalm 120:2 "Save me, O LORD, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues."

Think every time before you speak and ask...

- 1. Will what I say please a God of truth?
- 2. Will what I say bring good or bad consequences?

Sample Prayer God, I want you to invade my life. Help me to be more like you and less like the world. Save me, O LORD, from lying lips and help me to not only *speak* truth but *be* a person of truth. In Jesus name, Amen.