

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Ron Austin
Sibio Farrington

Sermon: Barry Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Canned fruit

Sermon Notes

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Service Times

Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

A Lying Tongue

Perhaps one of the most prominent sins of man is a misuse of the tongue, including the sin of lying. The Bible uses such phrases as “lying vanities” (Psa. 31:6), “lying lips” (Psa. 21:18; 120:2; Prov. 10:18), “lying tongue” (Psa. 109:2; Prov. 6:17), “lying words” (Prov. 32:7; Jer. 7:4,8); and “lying wonders” (2 Thess. 2:9). Of all the references concerning lying, not one of them is complimentary. Other related words such as “liar” and “liars” are used over 20 times. Sadly, those engaged in such will not be in heaven. Thus, it is a very serious matter.

The word “lie” (according to Vine’s) is “a falsehood,” that which is “calculated to deceive,” “speaking falsely, to deceive by lies.” Therefore, we are dealing with a **deliberate** and **willful perversion** of truth for the express purpose of misleading. The most obvious means of lying is the telling of something we know is untruthful. Cain denied knowing the whereabouts of his brother, Abel (Gen. 4). Peter denying his association with our Lord (Matt. 26) was a lie. When we tell people we will do something, knowing all the time we are not going to do it, that, too, is a lie.

There are other ways of lying. People often make statements which are not false in themselves, but the intent is to leave a wrong impression. Telling “half truths” is another means of lying. The case of Abraham and Sarah would be a good example of this. Ananias and Sapphira would serve as a New Testament example. Even silence could leave the wrong impression and deceive someone. With these ideas in mind, we should be impressed with the need to be extremely careful with our speech and actions, that we do not deceive those with whom we have association.

Let’s understand the true source of a lie. “*Ye 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 speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it*” (John 8:44). From his deception in Genesis 3 this has proven John 8:44 to be the truth. Since lying is of

the devil and stirs the wrath of God, what would cause one to engage in lying? A number of reasons might be cited. In the case of Abraham and Sarah, fear was the motivation. Those who fear that others will learn of their conduct will often lie about it. In the case of Ananias and Sapphira, a desire to appear better than they actually were prompted their lying. Some have suggested that greed had a part in their lying as well. Those who absent themselves from the worship assemblies will often offer some excuse (actually lie) to try to justify their actions. These are but a few reasons.

There are other reasons why lying should not be a part of one’s life. Among those things listed in Proverbs 6 that God hates is a *“lying tongue”* (v.16), and a *“false witness that speaketh lies”* (v.19). Not only does God hate such but , *“a righteous man hateth lying”* (Prov. 13:5). The Psalmist said, *“I hate and abhor lying”* (Psa. 119:163).

Consider those things with which lying is connected. Lying is connected with cursing, hatred, rebellion, destruction of the poor, corruption, swearing, killing and other human vanities. The Psalmist also connects lying with the “mighty man” by saying that such a one *“lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness”* (Psa. 52:1-3).

Lying, as well as the things with which it is connected, is to be put away. *“Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous”* (Psa. 31:18). *“Wherefore, put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another”* (Eph. 4:25). Those who engage in lying are foolish. *“He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool”* (Prov. 10:18). *“Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me thy law graciously”* (Psa. 119:29). Lying must be put away because of the ultimate fate of those who continue in lying. *“...And all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone”* (Rev. 21:8b).

Apparently many believe lying is not as bad as some other sins. One who is found to be lying about a matter usually receives little correction or criticism compared to one who is found to be an adulterer or a murderer. Yet, the Bible does not make the usual distinction in lies that men make, such as “little white lies.”

Can this problem be overcome in one’s life? Indeed it can. When it is our aim to *“provide things honest in the sight of all men”* (Rom. 12:17b), lying will be put out. When our thoughts are centered on *“whatsoever things are honest”* (Phil. 4:8), lying will be avoided. When we decide to *“walk honestly toward them that are without”* (1 Thess. 4:12a), lying will be absent from our lives.

One final, sobering thought — *“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned”* (Matt. 12:37).

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 3/19/23
Bible Class: 40 A.M. Worship: 66 Wed. B. C.: 30

Family News and Notes

John Patchell’s niece is struggling with her lupus. **Kim Perkins** had a successful procedure Tuesday. **Solomon Harrington, Geraldine Harrington’s** son, is struggling with some health problems, but he has gotten better. **Nazreen Sahib**, coworker of **Jennifer Hatcher**, has stage 4 cancer. **John Williams** is slowly recovering from knee surgeries and a broken leg. **Chuck Perkins’** coworker, **Mark Thibeault** is not doing well at this time. **Linda Williams’** mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry**, are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. **Linda Hernandez** has a significant heart problem. She will be having surgery this week. Let’s remember one another in prayer.

Pray for our world leaders at this time. Active military: Pray for all active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment’s notice. Remember to pray for their families as well. We have 5 active duty members here at Cape Fear.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Deborah Ross**, and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1
Deu 31-32	Deu 33-34	Jos 1-3	Jos 4-6	Jos 7-9	Jos 10-12	Jos 13-15
Ps 85	Ps 86	Ps 87	Ps 88	Ps 89	Ps 90	Ps 91

Events

See Bulletin board for the latest events! There are a number of gospel meetings in April we want to support.

