

THE CALL OF TRUTH OR THE LURE OF THE LIE



There is one thing that distinguishes the voice of Jesus from all others.

He never lies.

Jesus' words are true.

His deeds are true.

His promises are true.

His warnings are true.

Once we receive his salvation, enter his kingdom, walk in his steps, he holds us to the truth with terrifying rigor.

When we deceive, his Spirit of truth convicts us.



If we continue to deceive, we spin down into the yawning darkness of self-deception.

Jesus has strong words for religious people who play games with the truth.

“Why do you not understand what I say?

It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.

He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

John 8:43-44



The father of lies rules the world through the power of the lie.

He sits in the halls of political power.

He controls the sports empires.

He drinks with the best of them in Hollywood.

He dominates Wall Street.

The father of lies always approaches Christians disguised as an angel of light.

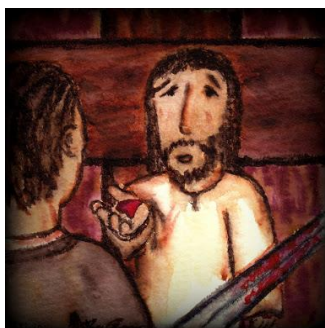
He offers us shortcuts to power.

He promises victory in our fight for Christian values.

He does it all by the power of the lie.

He lures us into believing lies as if they were truth.

Soon we pick up our swords and go to battle over lies he has planted in our souls.



Why does God allow this to happen to Christians?

God allows it when we no longer submit to the Lord's truth.

So we are vulnerable to lies.

We are looking at a foretaste of this to come.

The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power and with pretended signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are to perish, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion, to make them believe what is false, so that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II Thessalonians 2:9-12

The Lord Jesus will give us eyes to see and ears to hear, if we turn to him and open our hearts to his truth. He will make us to know the difference between the truth and every lie that seeks to counterfeit it.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31b-32



In the kingdom of God truth is not an option.

It is essential.

God's kingdom is the only place on earth where truth rules.

The God of the universe is the Lord of truth.

Jesus is Incarnate Truth.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

Those who follow Jesus walk the Way of Truth.

They speak truth.

They live truth.

They never compromise truth.

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

II Thessalonians 2:13



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Prayer: Lord, protect us from the lure of lies. Convict us when we listen to, believe, or speak deceit. Help us to recognize lies, to recognize the lure of evil even if it appears as light. Help us to lay down our swords and any other weapon of darkness. Soften our hearts, in the midst of... conflicting voices, opinions, division, and hatred. Open our ears so we may continue to hear the call of the truth. Help us to embrace your truth, never compromising it, allowing it to ever rule us, always following Jesus so we may continue to speak and live your truth. Amen.

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