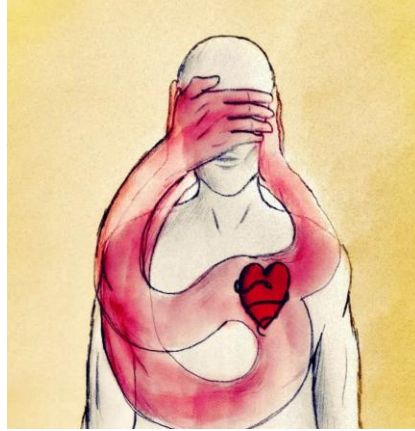


THE LIE WORM



You don't even know it's there, while it eats away at your soul.

Actually you don't want to know it's there.

Yet deep within, you know.

The Lie Worm.

**It makes lies "true".
It makes truth "false".**

It deceived Eve.

It put David's conscience to sleep.

Bathsheba was so beautiful!

And Uriah was so expendable.

David didn't have a clue until Nathan the prophet nailed him.

From that day the sword never left David's house.

But David learned a lesson, which he shares with us in Psalm 51.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

The Lie Worm loves to infect Christians.

It bores its way into our soul and fills us with strange "truth".

It instructs us in the art of compromising the truth.

Which is one thing Jesus never did.

Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners.

He blessed a prostitute who washed his feet with her tears.

But Jesus never compromised the truth.

And Jesus never wastes time with those who do.

When the Lie Worm takes over.

David was spared catastrophe, because, when Nathan faced him with truth, he repented.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

But when Jesus faced the religious leaders of Israel with truth, they hardened their hearts.

Jesus answered them.... "I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you.

They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did."

They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." Jesus said to them,

"If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

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 does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:39-44



Truth in the inward parts.

Once the Lie Worm begins eating at our soul there is only one cure:

We repent before the truth as David did.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.



There are not many kinds of “truth”.

There is only one truth:

Jesus himself.

“Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.”

John 18:37



Prayer: Lord, help us, help us...the father of lies is going after our hearts. Our souls are being eaten away by the lie worm. We've hardened our hearts because we so want our beliefs, our perspectives, our leaders to be right. And when there is dissonance between your word, your truth, your way...we are allowing satanic forces to spin lie after lie to explain the dissonance, and justify our own lack of mercy, and our own ugly hearts. All these lies are tightening up around our hearts and choking out your life. We are even beginning to compromise and reject the truths you have taught us to cherish. We repent. We do not want to lose you. We want to embrace your sweet wisdom again. We abhor our hardened hearts, and our closed ears, and our blind eyes, and our raised fists. Rescue us, open our eyes, unstop our ears, clean our hearts, touch us to the core with your truth. Help us to delight in you, in your beautiful, wonderful truth once again.

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