SEVEN THINGS THAT GOD HATES

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A False Witness That Speaks Lies

Among the seven things that the Lord said that He hates Lying is listed twice among them. Repetitiveness in scripture is designed to call our attention to that matter, therefore we should pay particular attention to what is being said.

Earlier in this passage, Lying was listed as one of the seven things that God hates, He call it “A LYING TONGUE. Now He calls it, “A FALSE WITNESS THAT SPEAKS LIES”. The emphasis here is on “**A False Witness**”. Here God seems to be concerned about someone who misrepresents Him or His word.

First, let us examine how God feels about His Word? Last week we read in **PS 119: 105**, that He said His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path… In other words, as a lamp it guides us in the right direction so that we don’t stumble and as a light it enables us to see clearly where we should be going….

Secondly, in **2-COR 4:2a**, says “not handling the Word of God deceitfully”, (**NIV**) we “do not use deception nor do we distort the word of God”. In other words, we should use or twist the word of God to…..

1. Establish our own doctrine
2. Use it out of context to prove our own point of view
3. Misrepresent what God has said or clearly instructed

Lastly on the subject of His Word, we should examine **HEB 4: 12**, and take seriously the adjective that are used to describe the Word of God.

1. It is **QUICK:** Living or alive
2. It is **POWERFUL**: Active – Omnipotent, all powerful
3. It Is **SHARPER** than a two-edged sword: Cut both ways
4. It is a **DISCERNER** of the thoughts and intent of the heart:

-Judges all things

-Cannot be fooled,

-Omniscience, all knowing. (the 1st lie detector)

FALSE WITNESS:

It is this False witness who speaks these lies that God is concern about. False Witnesses are also known as False Prophets. Let us see who they are and why God is displeased with them.

**DUET 18: 18 – 22**, but a Prophet who presume to speak **in my name** anything that I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speak in the names of other gods, that prophet shall die.

(V-21) If what a Prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken, that prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.

**MATT 7:15**, (These are the words of Jesus) Beware of **FALSE PROPHETS**, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening (hungry / ferocious) wolves.

**(V-16)**, You shall know them by their fruits……. (**V-18**), A good tree cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

JUDGING:

Don’t be misled if someone says that you are judging. The Devil is a master of doing *scripture twisting*…. **MATT 7:1**, Judge not, that you be not be not judge.

To judge does not mean to not have an opinion…. Judging in the context of scripture means making a **righteous judgement** or an **unrighteous judgement**.

***A RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT***: Is judging with facts or evidences or judging according to scripture, the Word of God.

***AN UNRIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT***: Is judging without knowledge or facts but judging by appearance or what you think or believe….

With those distinctions in mind let us reexamine and take a closer look at the False Prophets.

**MATT 24:11**, And many false prophets shall arise, and shall **deceive many.**  We know who the master deceiver is….. it is Satan, the devil.

I have done a Bible Study on the seven **“*D’s of the Devil*”**, looking at the tools that he uses to keep you from God …..

* Doubt
* Deceit
* Delay
* Deny
* Divide /Division
* Destroy / Destruction
* DEATH

**MARK 13:22**, For false Christs and false prophets shall rise and they shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible even the *elect* . **V- 23**. So be on your guard, I have told you everything ahead of time.

Don’t be fooled or deceived by a **FALSE CHRIST**: **2-COR 11: 3 - 4**, But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your mind may somehow be led astray from the sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

(V-4), for if someone comes to you and preach a Jesus (another Jesus) other than the Jesus we preach, or if you receive a different spirit (another spirit) from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel (another gospel) from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

**2-PETER 2:1**, But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers among you**, who privily shall bring in damnable (destructive) heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them, and bring unto themselves swift destruction.

**JAMES 3: 1, (NIV**) Not many of you should become teachers my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach **will be judged more strictly**.

He That Soweth Discord Among Brethren = (NIV) One who stirs up conflict in the community.

* By promoting or causing *trouble*:
* By *Gossiping*:
* By acting as the “*signifying monkey*”:
* By allowing the influence of *Satan, Lucifer, the Devil*:
* EPH 4: 27, Do not give place to the devil.
* 2-COR 2: 11…… We are not ignorant of his (Satan’s) devices.

1 COR 14: 40, Let all things be done decent and in order