

Satan's Greatest Lies

John 8:44

Introduction:

Satan is the father of the lie. From the first time we are introduced to Satan in Gen. 3, he is lying to Eve. When we see Satan tempting Jesus in Matt. 4: 1-11, he is lying to Jesus about what the word of God says. Today, Satan will lie to each of us in order to get us to turn from God. Throughout this lesson, we will look at 3 of Satan's greatest lies.

- I. "One church is just as good as another church."
 - A. Satan wants us to believe that we can belong to any church and still go to heaven.
 1. "Attend the church of your choice."
 2. "We are all on different paths going to the same place."
 - B. We read in the Bible that there is only one church.
 1. **Matt 16:18** - And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
 2. **Acts 2:47** - And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.
 - C. This one church was purchased with the blood of Christ.
 1. **Eph 5:25** - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
 2. **Acts 20:28** - Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
 - D. If there is only one church, and the Lord adds to that church "those who were being saved," then we need to make sure that we are a part of that church.
 1. The only guide that we have is the New Testament.
 2. We must make sure that we are following the New Testament guide to what God wants His church to be.
 3. **Acts 2:42-47**
- II. "It is not your fault."
 - A. It is easy to blame others for our own problems.
 1. **Gen. 3:9-13**
 2. From the beginning, Adam and Eve blamed others for their mistakes.
 3. Adam blamed Eve and God (12); Eve blamed the serpent (13).
 - B. We are responsible for our own sin.
 1. Even though Adam and Eve blamed others, they were still responsible for their own actions.
 - a. Each was punished according to their actions.
 - b. **Gen. 3:16-19**
 2. **Deut 24:16** - Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor

shall the children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

- C. We are going to have to give an answer of the things that we have done.
1. **Heb 9:27** - And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,
 2. **Rom 14:10-12** - But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. {11} For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." {12} So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.
 3. **Ecc. 12:14** - For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

III. "There is time."

- A. Story of Satan taking applications.
1. No God
 2. No hell
 3. Still time
- B. We do not know how much time we have on this earth.
1. **James 4:13-14**
 2. Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; {14} whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.
- C. We do not know when Jesus will return.
1. **Lk. 12:35-40**
 2. **I Thes 5:1-3** - But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. {2} For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. {3} For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.
 3. **II Pet 3:10** - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
- D. Only the Father in heaven knows when the end will be.
1. **Matt 24:36**
 2. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

Conclusion:

Satan “is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). He will tell us anything that will draw us away from God. He tells us that any church is as good as another. He tells us that it is not our fault. And he tells us that we can make it right tomorrow. Let us not follow after the lies of Satan. There is no truth in him. Have you let his lies keep you from God? Are you letting Satan stand in the way of your salvation?