

BELIVING A LIE
II THESSALONIANS 2:9-12

Introduction:

- A. Webster defines lying as “to make a statement that one knows is false, especially with the intent to deceive.”
 - 1. Telling something untrue.
- B. The truth is very important. Proverbs 23:23; John 8:32
- C. It could prove to be a matter of life or death. A _____, but more importantly a _____.

I. God Has Always Condemned Lying.

- A. It was a lie that caused sin to come into the world. Genesis 3:2-5
- B. It was liars who bore false witness against Jesus. Matthew 26:60
- C. The Israelites were told not to bear false witness. Exodus 20:16
- D. The devil is the father of all _____. John 8:44
- E. Christians are not to lie. Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9
- F. All liars will be _____. Revelation 21:8
- G. _____ could bring punishment also.
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II. The Tragedy Of Believing A Lie

- A. In I Kings 13, God commands a prophet to:
 - 1. Go to Bethel and cry against the _____.
 - 2. Give them a sign.
 - a. The altar would be _____.
 - b. The ashes upon it would be poured out.
- B. He was not to _____ or _____.
- C. He was not to return the way he came.
- D. An older prophet lied to him.
- E. The prophet believed him and it cost him his _____.

III. Many Today Are Believing Lies.

- A. If you honestly believe and are sincere, God will accept you, is a lie.
 - 1. Faith is important. Hebrews 11:6
 - 2. Faith _____ is not enough. James 2:24, 26
- B. As long as you are religious God will save you, is a lie.
 - 1. Jesus mentioned some religious people who thought they were saved, but they weren't. 2. Matthew 7:21-23

- C. You can be saved outside of the church, is a lie.
1. The church is the _____.
 2. To say you can be saved outside of the church, is to say you can be saved outside of _____.
 3. Acts 4:12 4. Acts 2:47
- D. I can be a Christian and not have to go to church, is a lie.
1. Church attendance is not everything, but it is _____.
 2. The church is our _____.
 3. Hebrews 10:25
- E. You do not have to be baptized to be saved, is a lie.
1. Our sins are _____ at baptism. Acts 22:16
 2. Peter makes it clear. I Peter 3:21
- F. I've got plenty of time to become a Christian or I've got plenty of time to get my life right with Christ.
1. Both of these statements are _____.
 2. Many souls have been _____ because they believed this lie.
 3. James 4:13-14

Conclusion:

- A. BELIEVING A LIE COULD PROVE TO BE A GREAT TRAGEDY.
- B. IT COULD COST YOU YOUR SOUL!