

The Father of Lies

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Last week, I wrote a short article titled "They Are Liars" and concluded by quoting Revelation 2:2.

Revelation 2:2—"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars."

This week, I want to spend a few minutes discussing the father of lies.

Discussion with Pharisees

In John 8:12, the Son of God made a statement to the scribes and Pharisees.

John 8:12—"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.' "

- John 8:13—The Pharisees accused Him of lying.
- John 8:14—The Son of God asserted that what He said was true.
- John 8:15-18—The Son of God asserted that His judgment was true, because the Father sent Him.
- John 8:19—The Pharisees asked Him where His Father was. The Son of God reminded them that they didn't know Him or the Father.
- John 8:20—The crowd did not punish Him at this time, because it was not time for His arrest.
- John 8:21—The Son of God told the crowd that He was going away and that they were not going with Him.
- John 8:22—The Jews wondered if He was going to kill Himself.
- John 8:23-24—The Son of God clarified that they were of this world and that they were going to die in their sins.
- John 8:25—The Jews asked: "Who are You?"
- John 8:25-26—The Son of God mentioned that He who sent Him was true.
- John 8:27—The Jews did not understand that He was talking about the Father.
- John 8:28-29—The Son of God told them that the Father taught Him and was with Him.

■ John 8:30-32—When many believed Him, He told them that the truth would make them free.

Identity religion

■ John 8:33—The Jews reminded Him that they were descendants of Abraham.

■ John 8:34-38—The Son of God told them: "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

■ John 8:39—They repeated that Abraham was their father.

■ John 8:39-41—The Son of God mentioned that they didn't do the deeds of Abraham.

■ John 8:41—The Jews said: "We were not born of fornication."

■ John 8:42-43—The Son of God told them: "If God were your Father, you would love Me."

Origin of lies

Then the Son of God made the famous statement that many Bible students know and quote.

John 8:44—"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Genesis 3:4—"Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die.' "

Genesis 3:14-15—"So the LORD God said to the serpent: 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.' "