

**THY KINGDOM COME #25**  
**Developing A Biblical Worldview**

**I. Introduction**

We continue our teaching tonight on “Developing a Biblical Worldview” piggybacking on last week’s message...

**“What Is Truth?”**

Every one has a worldview and every worldview must answer this question posed by Pontius Pilate at the trial of the Lord Jesus, after Jesus said...

**John 8:37**

**For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**

Jesus came into the world to bear witness to the truth; a few verses later, He says this to the preachers of His day...

**John 8:44-45**

**You are of your father the devil...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. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.**

Let’s get this straight.

Jesus came, not only to die for our sins, but to bear witness to the truth; the devil is a liar and the father of all liars, there is no truth in him. So the battle then, and now, is a spiritual warfare between the truth of Christ and the lies of the devil; between the children of God who walk in truth, and the children of the devil, who live by lies.

**Theme**

**The greatest challenge to the church in this hour is to walk in truth in a culture increasingly given over to lies.**

That's the title of my teaching tonight, taken from Steve Gallagher's new book:

**"Walking In Truth In A World Of Lies"**

In many ways, the warfare we are witnessing began in the Garden of Eden when our first parents were confronted with a choice between the truth of God's word and the lies of the father of all liars, the devil.

When a nation walks in truth, it thrives and prospers. But the woes we are witnessing today reminds us of a time in the nation of Israel when lies became a way of life...

**Jeremiah 9:6 HCSB**

**You live in a world of deception. In their deception they refuse to know me. This is the Lord's declaration.**

Here are some other translations of this verse...

**Jeremiah 9:6 NKJV**

**Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit...**

**Jeremiah 9:6 ESV**

**Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 9:6 NLT**

**"They pile lie upon lie and utterly refuse to acknowledge me", says the Lord.**

Matthew Henry comments on Jeremiah's account of the condition of a culture become given over to lies...

**Matthew Henry**

**Their tongues are fitted for lying, like a bow that is bent is for shooting, and are constantly used for that purpose. Their tongue turns naturally to a lie. They are not valiant for the truth upon the earth. They do not defend the truths of God delivered to them by the prophets, but were content to see them run down.**

Jeremiah prophesied to the backslidden nation of Israel at time when their lies and deceits had brought them under the judgment of God.

**Jeremiah 9:8-9 HCSB**

**Their tongues are deadly arrows—they speak deception. With his mouth a man speaks peaceably with his friend, but inwardly he sets up an ambush. Should I not punish them for these things? This is the Lord's declaration. Should I not take My revenge against a nation such as this?**

In his new book, “Walking in Truth in a World of Lies”, Steve Gallagher compares this with our day:

**Steve Gallagher, “Walking in Truth In A World of Lies”**

**You and I are being lied to on a regular basis. Things have gotten so bad we need a ‘Truth-O-Meter’ to stay on top of what politicians tell us, (we need) a government agency to oversee the preposterous claims made by advertisers, and (we need) a variety of independent websites to monitor the veracity of what we’re being told by public figures, including Christian ministers.**

So tonight I want to talk about 3 things:  
Our lying leaders, our lack of discernment, and what God’s people must do about it.

## **I. How We Must Walk in Truth in a World of Lies**

### **A. Lying Leaders**

1. While we are being lied to at every level, I’m going to begin at the top with one of the biggest liars in our land, the President of the United States. It was two years ago this week, just before the 2020 Presidential election, American voters chose to overlook some somber warnings.

**Dr. Everett Piper, Washington Times**

**This Tuesday, as you head off to the polls to cast your vote, remember this: Joe Biden is a pathological liar. Donald Trump may be rude and crude, abrasive and off-putting; a pugnacious man with many flaws. But Joe Biden is a proven, habitual, unrepentant fraud and a pathological liar of the highest order.**

**Jeff Chidester, Seacoastonline.com**

**“On November 3, when you enter that voting booth, do not think you are voting for a decent man, when in fact you are voting for a dishonest, self-serving career politician.”**

**Jeff Chidester, Seacoastonline.com**

**Joe Biden’s behavior is not that of a goodly grandfather with a fading memory or that of a favorite uncle who spins a great yarn. No. Such shameless deceit is not the behavior of a decent man, but rather that of a devil, and God help us all if he becomes our president.**

2. Well, he did become President. And now, most Americans are praying “God help us all”. It turns out these columnists were telling the truth; Joe Biden already had a 47-year history of lying when we elected him. Back in 2007...

**CNN**

**Joe Biden claimed to have been inside the Green Zone of military operations 7 times where he was shot at. The truth is that Joe Biden has never been shot at.**

In 1987, Biden was caught in several lies when running for the Senate...

**Joe Biden Lies & False Claims**

**Claimed he has 3 degrees from 3 universities**

**Claimed he attended law school on a full scholarship and graduated at the top of his class**

(But the then-trustworthy mainstream media confronted his claims)

**Speedy News, 1987**

**Senator Biden now concedes that he did not graduate in the top half of his law class, that he does not have 3 degrees from college, and that he was not named outstanding political science student in college.**

**Sam Donaldson, ABC News, 1987**

**Newsweek magazine says Biden went to school on a half-scholarship, ended up near the bottom of his class, and won only one degree, not three.**

He ranked 76<sup>th</sup> in a class of 85 at the University of Syracuse law school.

### **Joe Biden False Claims & Lies**

**Said he applied to the Naval Academy in 1965**

But that was the year he graduated from the University of Delaware and the Naval Academy does not even offer graduate degrees

**Claimed he was arrested in 1979 in South Africa trying to see Nelson Mandela**

**Claimed he was arrested while marching for civil rights in his youth**

### **Joe Biden Lies & False Claims**

**Claimed he was once a tractor-trailer driver**

**Said he was raised in the Puerto Rican community**

**Said he got his 'real' education in the black church**

**Claimed to have visited a Jewish Synagogue after a mass shooting there in 2018**

### **Joe Biden Lies & False Claims**

**Stated that in 2013 a significant portion of his NH home his house burned down with his wife in it, and though she escaped, 2 firemen were almost killed**

(The AP reported it was a small fire contained in the kitchen put out in 20 mts)

**Claimed his oldest son was killed in Iraq on military duty**

He did serve in Iraq but he died in the U.S. of a brain tumor

**Claimed he has never spoken with his son Hunter about his overseas business deals** (Information on his son's laptop says different)

### **Bill O'Reilly**

**President Biden needs a vacation. He is now totally out of control when it comes to saying actual words. The latest is telling the world the USA has lower inflation than most other countries. That came as a shock to France, Japan, Canada, and many of the EU countries, which are well below the USA inflation rate.**

### **Bill O'Reilly**

**Then Mr. Biden tops that by proclaiming that Congress voted and approved his student loan forgiveness plan. Uh, no. The President signed an Executive Order on that one - demanding \$400 billion tax dollars to make it happen.**

a. Joe Biden lied when he ran promising to 'unite us'.

b. **He lied 2 weeks ago, in the midst of the highest inflation in 40 years, when he told us, "The economy is strong as hell".**

c. Then, just this Thursday, President Biden, defending himself on the issue of high fuel costs, claimed gas was \$5 a gallon when he took office. Actually, it was just \$2.39.

**Jeff Chidester**

**On numerous occasions, Joe Biden claimed he was an activist and organizer within the civil rights movement, that he had been trained as a civil rights activist in Black churches, that he had participated in civil rights sit-ins, boycotts, and marches, and even went so far as to claim he was 'raised in a Black church.' None of this is true, not even a little bit. It's all a complete fabrication.**

d. Town Hall's Guy Benson comments on this...

**Guy Benson, TownHall.com**

**It seems as though Biden harbors something of a pathological need to 'connect' with his audiences, to the extent that he's willing to concoct stories and 'memories' that allow him to ingratiate himself as needed: Added drama, added effect, added personal touches -- even when none of it is true.**

3. I think it's fair to say most people recognize our President is in a cognitive decline, some of it attributed to his age; but it may be worse than that...

**Steve Gallagher, "Walking in Truth In A World of Lies"**

**Habitual liars are so accustomed to deceiving others that they actually get to where they can no longer differentiate between truth and falsehood; or at the very least lose track of all the lies they have told.**

a. Joe Biden has been lying for at least his 47 years of his political career; when you lie that long you can't keep up with what you said...

**Mark Twain**

**If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.**

4. I am picking on the President because he is our elected leader and a proven serial liar; so this raises some questions:

**How did 80 million vote for him?**

**How come his own political party still support his policies 100%?  
And the big question: with all the evidence against him, why are the polls so  
close for next week's election?**

Which leads to my next point...

## **B. Why Is There Such A Lack Of Discernment?**

1. The Apostle Paul supplies part of the answer in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the church at Thessalonica where he describes the condition of the end-times as a separation between people who love the truth and those who would choose to believe a lie.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10**

**The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

2. This sounds like what we are witnessing today; *a separation*, not of Republicans and Democrats, or liberals and conservatives; but a separation of those who will perish in deception from those who will be saved by receiving the love of the truth.

3. Paul goes on to tell us that God Himself will bring judgment on those who follow lying leaders:

### **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

**And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

4. Those who follow lying leaders, those who do not receive 'the love of the truth' will be given over to 'strong delusion, that they should believe the lie'.

a. Today, millions of Americans are under 'strong delusion'!

- That little boys could be little girls; that little girls may be little boys
- That men can get pregnant
- That gay marriage can be godly

5. We are witnessing 'strong delusion' because so many, including Christians, accepted other deception in days gone by.

a. Millions still believe man evolved from monkeys; that the climate will kill us in 12 years; or that God has no place in our politics.

6. We live in a world of lies and a bombardment of modern-day deceptions abound: the lying mainstream media; false advertising; and it has an effect.

### **Steve Gallagher, "Walking in Truth In A World of Lies"**

**Being subjected to an unrelenting barrage of falsehood has a way of leaving people in a state of undetected cynicism. If a person's heart is spiritually unhealthy, he can become so distrustful of others that he disparages the intentions and motives of just about everyone.**

7. This 'barrage of falsehood' today has left many Americans distrustful and cynical; even Christians are wondering...

### **C. What Can We Do For the Truth in the Midst of a World of Lies?**

1. The answer is, a LOT. If we can recapture God's vision for the Church in this world.

2. One of the Apostle Paul's last letters was written to his spiritual son Timothy and it contains a much-needed revelation of our role right now...

### **1 Timothy 3:15**

**I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, *the pillar and ground of the truth.***

a. Albert Barnes, the great Puritan Bible scholar helps us our understanding here:



**Albert Barnes**

**The church is entrusted with the business of maintaining the truth, of defending it from the assaults of error, and of transmitting it to future times. The truth is, in fact, upheld in the world by the church.**

**Albert Barnes**

**The stability of the truth on earth is dependent on the church. It is owing to the fact that the church is itself founded on a rock, that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it, that no storms of persecution can overthrow it, that the truth is preserved from age to age.**

**Albert Barnes**

**Other systems of religion are swept away; other opinions change; other forms of doctrine vanish; but as certainly as the church continues to live, so certain it will be that the truth of God will be perpetuated among people.**

3. God has given us a most serious responsibility; to uphold the truth of God in this world, to maintain it and defend it against all error, and to fling it in the face of every falsehood.

4. When the deceptions of this world grow deeper and darker, as they are today, we must be all the more committed to fulfill our commission as the 'pillar and ground of the truth.'

**Charles Spurgeon**

**The church fails in her design as the pillar and pedestal of the truth in proportion as she departs from the truth.**

5. God has appointed we who call ourselves Christians to be custodians and purveyors of the truth in the earth; the darker it gets the more we must shine.

### **III. Close**

#### **A. Some of the Last Recorded Words of the Apostle John**

### **3 John 3-4 HCSB**

**For I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth—how you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in the truth.**

1. Notice nothing delights his heart more than hearing his children 'walk in truth'.

### **The Biblical Illustrator**

**The term "walking" here is expressive, not of an act or two, but of a continued course of acting. To walk in the truth, then, means more than for a man once in his life to discover and embrace the truth; it implies besides this a daily familiarity with it, having it constantly before his mind, and his mind and his life being as constantly influenced and acted on by it.**

### **The Biblical Illustrator**

**Our continued walking in the truth is important to our fellow-men. Every undecided, wavering professor of Christ's gospel among us diffuses a bad influence around him -- he does mischief in the world though he may not aim to do it; while every consistent follower of the truth does good in the world, though he may scarcely see it.**

**C.A. Bradley**

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