

THY KINGDOM COME #26
Developing A Biblical Worldview

“Walking in Truth in a World of Lies”

Part II

I want to continue our teaching on ‘Developing a Biblical Worldview’ with part 2 of the message, “Walking in Truth in a World of Lies”.

I’m taking my text from the Apostle John’s 3rd general epistle.,,

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.

‘Walking’ here refers to a way of life; a worldview where the Christian life is governed by the truth of the Word of God over thought, word and deed.

Theme

The greatest challenge to the church today is to walk in truth in the midst of a culture increasingly given over to lies.

What we are witnessing today reminds us of the backslidden nation of Israel in the days of the Prophet Jeremiah, where God said...

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.**

Jeremiah 9:6 NLT

**“They pile lie upon lie and utterly refuse to acknowledge me”, says the Lord.
Jeremiah 9:6 NKJV
Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit...**

Tonight I want to talk about the world of lies we live in, created by the Politicians and a complicit Press, and how Christians can overcome...

I. “Walking in Truth in a World of Lies”

A. Lying Politicians

1. The old joke is: “How do you know if a politician is lying?” Answer: “His lips are moving”; political lies are nothing new...

Franklin D. Roosevelt (pre-WWII)

I have said this before, but I will say it again and again and again; your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars.

Lyndon B. Johnson (pre-Viet Nam war)

We are not about to send American boys nine or ten thousand miles away from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing themselves.

Colin Powell, Secretary of State (pre-Iraq war)

Let me share with you what we know from eyewitness accounts. We have firsthand descriptions of biological weapons factories on wheels and on rails.

Barack Obama (working to pass Obamacare)

**If you like your health plan, you can keep it. If you like your Doctor, you can keep your Doctor
(this won the Tampa Bay Times ‘Lie of the Year’ award in 2013)**

2. American Christians have lived through many lies—but what’s happening today takes lying to an all-new level, as Steve Gallagher points out...

Steve Gallagher

While it is true that deception has been part of our political system from its earliest days, none of it can compare to the level of falsehood that is being propagated by our government today. In fact, it’s gotten so bad we now have a new term to define it: ‘post-truth politics’.

Wikipedia

Post-truth politics is a political culture in which debate is framed largely by appeals to emotion disconnected from the details of the policy, and by the repeated assertion of talking points to which factual rebuttals are ignored.

3. I was born in 1944. I have lived under 15 different Presidents. All of them lied. But our present President is Pinocchio in the flesh. Examples...

President Joe Biden (in FL, 11/1/22)

Inflation is a worldwide problem right now because of the war in Iraq—excuse me, the war in Ukraine—I’m thinking of Iraq because it’s where my son died.

Biden’s son did serve in Iraq—but he died of brain cancer in Bethesda, MD
He has continued to make this statement publicly at least 15 times!

President Joe Biden

Let me point something out about ‘big spending Democrats’—I spent a lot of money doing these things, but guess what? I cut the deficit in half! In half! This year alone, a 1 trillion 400 dollar reduction.

Our national debt last year was \$29.6 trillion. Currently it’s \$30.8 trillion.

Do the math. But it’s worse.

One website just released this report: “In just 20 months, President Biden *added* \$4.8 trillion to our 10-year deficits”.

President Joe Biden, November 1

The economy in fact is growing. In fact, the economy grew 2.6% last quarter. And although it may not feel that way, people’s incomes went up last quarter more than inflation. Economic growth is up, price inflation is down, real incomes are up, gas prices are down.

(None of this is true)

President Joe Biden

How many of you know someone who needs insulin? Do you know how much it costs to make insulin for diabetes? Well it was invented by a man who didn’t patent it because he wanted the drug to be available to everyone. I spoke to him, OK?

(But the man who invented insulin died a year before Biden was born.)

a. In the same speech, he claimed he went to Delaware State University. But DSU is an all-black college. Biden actually went to the University of Delaware.

b. Biden embarrassed himself last week trying to take personal credit for the cost-of-living increase in social security checks for seniors that begins in 2023.

Tweet from the White House 11/3/22

Seniors are getting the biggest increase in their Social Security checks in 10 years through President Biden's leadership.

(They had to delete this Tweet due to the huge backlash from fact-checkers)

Fact Check

President Biden has nothing to do with this raise. Seniors will receive a large SS benefit increase due to the annual cost of living adjustment, which is based on the inflation rate. President Nixon in 1972 signed into law the automatic benefit adjustments tied to the Consumer Price Index.

4. President Joe Biden has become totally untethered from the truth.

a. Last week, citing the attack on Paul Pelosi, he accused the opposing party of condoning violence against political opponents...

On 11/1/22 at a campaign event at a private residence; this transcript of his speech was posted on the White House website:

The guy purchases a hammer to kneecap the number three in line to be President of the United States of America—number two in line, I should say, to be the United—President of the United States of America. And nobody from the other party condemns it for exactly what it is...

President Biden

Says it's not because when I made a comment about it this is to be expected when you have leaders from the other party condoning the kind of conduct that is—that I've just discussed and others.

(The truth is that not one Republican condoned this conduct-quite the opposite-dozens of Republican leaders condemned the attack; meanwhile...)

The Daily Signal 11/4/22

President Biden has not, to this day, spoken out to condemn the attempted assassination in June of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

b. In a speech last week, President Biden accused the 80 million Americans who voted for Donald Trump of promoting voter suppression.

National Address, 11/2/22

MAGA Republicans support voter suppression. They are trying to succeed where they failed in 2020, to suppress the right of voters and subvert the electoral system itself. That means denying your right to vote and deciding whether your vote even counts. Instead of waiting until an election is over, they are starting well before it. They are starting now. They've emboldened violence and intimidation of voters and election officials.

(But the truth is, current voter turnout is setting new records)

DailySignal.com.

In the Georgia primary, there is a 168% overall increase in turnout over the 2018 primary. A national Gallup poll released Wednesday shows that 41% of Americans have already voted or plan to vote early, compared to 34% in 2018.

5. Under this present administration, which controls the White House and both houses of Congress, gas prices are up, grocery prices are up, illegal immigration is up, and street crime is up.

a. Inflation is killing us; my last set of tires cost \$900; this week, a new set cost me \$1400.

6. But instead of taking responsibility and offering solutions, the President is trying to tell us we should be thankful we don't have it as bad as other countries, claiming U.S. inflation is the lowest in the world.

President Joe Biden, National Speech, 11/1

We have the lowest inflation rate of almost any country in the world. We've done a lot to take it under control. I've released millions of barrels of oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve keeping the price down.

Here we have 2 breathtaking lies...

Fact: Since he's done the release, oil prices have actually *increased* 6%.

Fact: America does NOT have the lowest inflation rate! (8.2%)

Nations With Lower Inflation Rate

**China 2.8%; Japan 3%; Saudi Arabia 3.1%; Switzerland 3.3%; South Korea 5.7%;
Indonesia 5.7%; France 6.2%; Canada 6.9%; Brazil 7.2%; Australia 7.3%; Spain
7.3%; India 7.4%; Singapore 7.5%; South Africa 7.5%**

7. I do not want to demean the man who sits in the Oval Office for lapses of memory or slurring his words; I do demean his lying and the way so many people put up with it.

Steve Gallagher

We expect politicians to exaggerate, yes, but what does it say about our nation when we accept downright lies as if truth no longer matters?

8. One may well wonder why there is no outcry when our leaders lie like this:

President Biden

Our economy is strong as hell.

Kamala Harris

The border is secure.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

The world is going to end in 12 years if we don't address climate change.

9. In days gone by, lying political powers were held in check by the pastors in our pulpits and by the power of a free press; but in our day, many pulpits won't preach on politics and the press has become the puppet of the party in power. But this has happened before. Let me give you...

B. A Brief History Lesson

1. History teaches us that an evil State led by lying leaders cannot continue without a complicit media press corps.

a. Vladimir Lenin was the 1st President of the Soviet Union, from 1917 to 1924, and seized control of the press, which he used to control the people through propaganda.

Propaganda

Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view

Vladimir Lenin

The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses.

Vladimir Lenin

We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn toward those who disagree with us.

(Lenin murdered 5 million Russian people during his reign)

b. After Lenin came Joseph Stalin, who led the Soviet Union from 1924 until his death in 1953, during which time, he murdered over 20 million Russian citizens.

Joseph Stalin

The press must grow day and night. It is our party's sharpest and strongest weapon.

c. So there was Lenin, then Stalin. But none used the power of the press more masterfully than Joseph Goebbels, Adolf Hitler's Minister of Propaganda, who made the press his puppet for manipulating the masses.

Joseph Goebbels

Think of the press as a great keyboard on which the government can play.

(Under evil rulers, they are not reporting the news—they are following orders)

Joseph Goebbels

Not every item of news should be published. Rather those who control news policies must endeavor to make every item of news serve a certain purpose.

(Political leaders who lie use the media to tell you what to think)

Joseph Goebbels

It is the absolute right of the State to supervise the formation of public opinion.

(If you begin to feel like they think you are stupid it's because they do)

Joseph Goebbels

The rank and file are usually much more primitive than we imagine. Propaganda must therefore always be essentially simple and repetitious.

d. People ignore the power of propaganda to their peril!

Gil Courtemanche, Canadian Journalist (1943-2011)

Propaganda is as powerful as heroin; it surreptitiously dissolves all capacity to think.

e. This is why those who watch the mainstream media literally lose their minds and lose all capacity to recognize good and evil.

George Orwell

Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder sound respectable.

(Those who support abortion now call it a woman's 'reproductive rights')

2. Lying leaders have always needed a complicit press. History is repeating itself today, as the modern American Marxists use the mainstream media to control how people think.

Glenn Beck

The corruption of our media—telling us to deny our own eyes. There's a car on fire behind you and they say 'nothing to see here'. There's a car on fire behind you and we're not supposed to notice. They tell us, 'Don't believe your own eyes—believe us!'

3. This reminds me of how British novelist George Orwell described the totalitarian government of 'Big Brother' in his famous book "1984".

George Orwell in "1984"

The party told you to reject all evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command.

4. Isn't this exactly what the socialist politicians and the mainstream media are doing today in America? Inflation? Border crisis? Nothing to see here!

5. The good news is that God is waking us up! The ratings of the fake news mainstream media outlets have hit all-time lows.

Dominick Mastrangelo, The Hill, 10/19/22

A New York Times-Siena College poll just found 59% of voters view the media as a "major threat to democracy," while 25% said the press is a "minor threat" and only 16% said it poses no threat.

(8 out of 10 Americans now see the media as a threat to democracy)

Dominick Mastrangelo, The Hill, 10/19/22

An annual Gallup survey also published this week found only 34 percent of Americans believe major news organizations will report "fully, accurately and fairly" on current events.

6. Millions get their news from social media platforms which have been controlled by the far-left loons. But that is changing...

- a. Donald Trump launched "Truth Social"
- b. Elon Musk bought "Twitter"
- c. It's reported Kanye West is acquiring "Parler"

(All have pledged to restore the right of free speech to these platforms)

7. The awakening is underway. Let me give you...

C. The Good News: Liars Never Last

1. Political government and politicians who live on lies always fall!

2. They gain power by lying but they lose power when the lies are exposed by the truth.

(Even Goebbels knew this)

Joseph Goebbels, A. Hitler's Minister of Propaganda

If you tell a lie big enough, and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. But the lie can be maintained only for such times as the State can shield the people from the political, economic, and/or military consequences of the lie.

a. These people lied their way into power and maintain their power by a puppet press corps that shields them; but the lie only lasts as long as the time their policies prove to be hurtful! They know their days are numbered. So what do they do?

Joseph Goebbels

It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus, by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State.

b. This is one of the most startling statements I've ever read coming from an evil ruler; an admission that his power was built on lies and that the truth could bring them down.

3. Eric Metaxas, in his book "Letter to the American Church", reminds us this was how President Reagan brought down the Soviet Union...

Eric Metaxas

Ronald Reagan seemed to know that because the Soviet Union was built on a lie, it was unsustainable and could be brought down—if someone had the courage to stand and fight against it.

Eric Metaxas

Reagan knew that the Soviet Union presented itself—as all bullies and monsters and devils do—as something more powerful than it was. He knew that what its leaders desperately feared was that someone like himself would call their bluff.

And he knew that most of the people around him had been perfectly content not to call that bluff, but to be bluffed.

4. Jon Ross turned me onto a book by Australian Kay Ruback: “Nowhere to Run: 10 Steps to Survive Tyranny Today”. She interviewed over 100 people who survived under evil rulers; Communist, Socialist, and Totalitarian systems.

a. I’ll close with some amazing words of wisdom, addressed to all of us who love the Lord and are grieved with the current condition of our country; to ay who may feel downcast, discouraged or depressed:

Kay Rubacek

We must remember—and we must remind each other—that tyranny is vulnerable. Very vulnerable. Whether it is labeled Marxist, Leninist, communist, socialist, fascist, transhumanist, globalist, monopolist, or any other form of tyranny, it relies on its core tactics of lies, deceit, hatred and violence.

Kay Rubacek

This makes it so vulnerable to truth that it is desperately afraid of any glimmer of hope between its targets when they have the courage to maintain faith in truth over lies.

5. Don’t fear them; the truth is that they fear us. We are well able to walk in the light in a world of lies because we have Christ, the light of the world, who has called us the light of the world. Cling to this word...

John 1:5 ESV

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

When we ‘shine’, when we walk in truth, lies will lose their power.

Closing Prayer for the Election

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