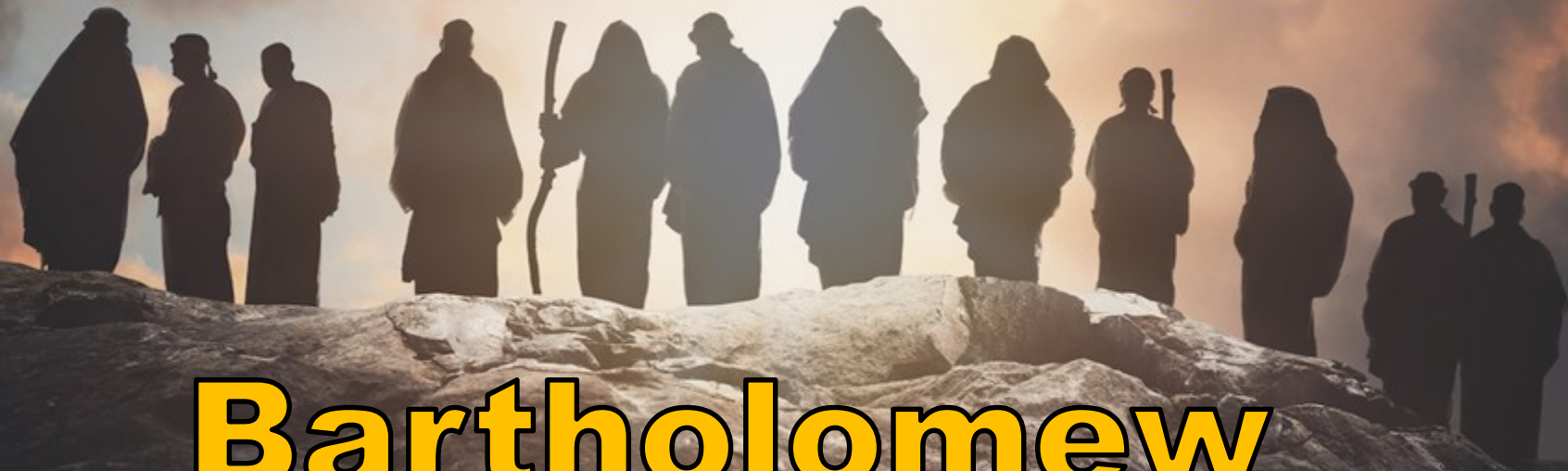


# 13 Disciples



Lessons in  
following Christ

# 13 Disciples



**Bartholomew**


**Nathanael**



# Apostle Nathanael

- John 21:2 Simon Peter, Thomas who was called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee...
- Named mostly in John 1:45-49, 21:2





We found the man that Moses in  
the law and the prophets wrote about:  
Jesus the son of Joseph of  
Nazareth!

Can  
ANYTHING  
good come  
from  
Nazareth?

# Also called Bartholomew

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- Also called Bartholomew Matthew 10:3...
- Likely also a fisherman, noble lineage?
- Flayed alive in Armenia?

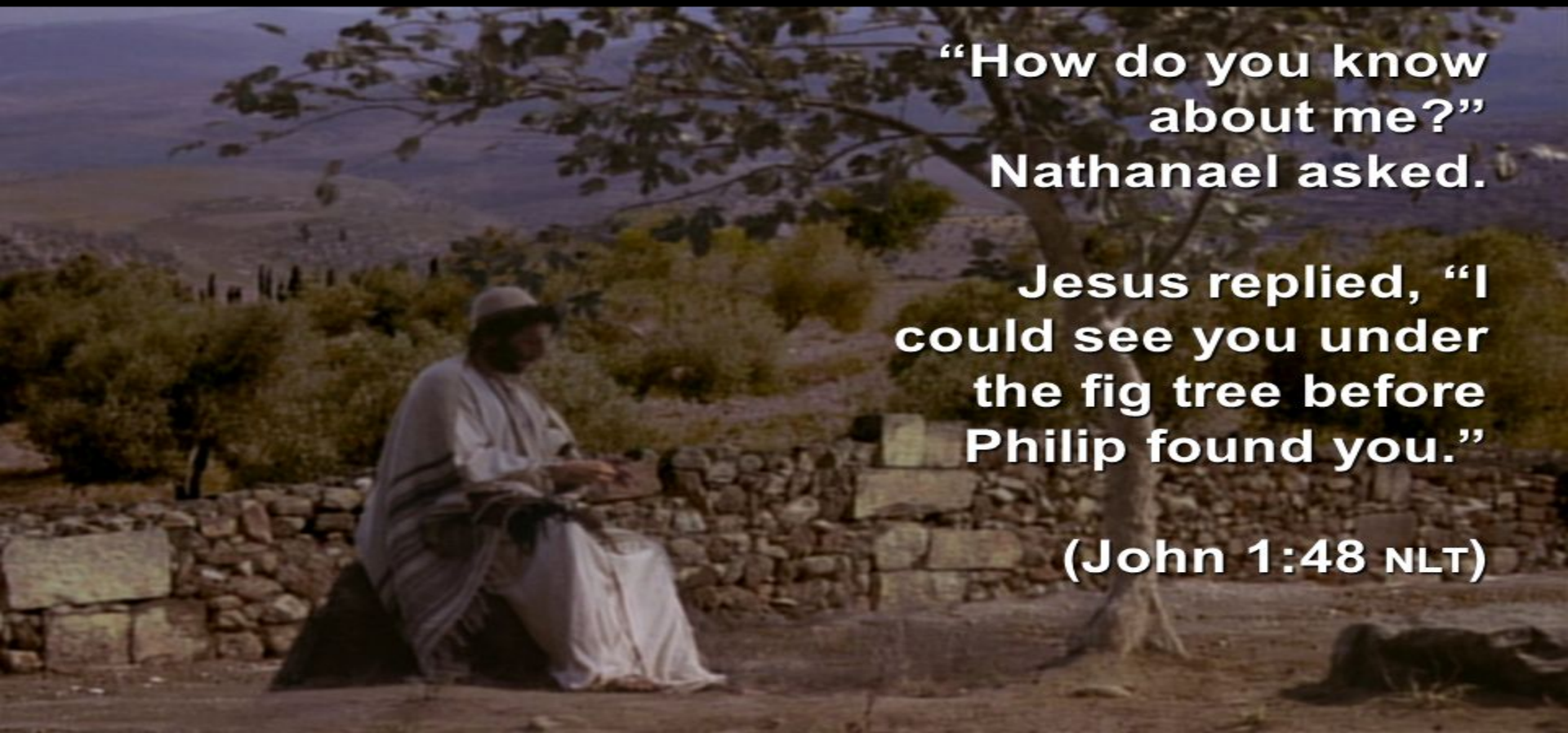


# Christ Knew Nathanael

**“How do you know  
about me?”  
Nathanael asked.**

**Jesus replied, “I  
could see you under  
the fig tree before  
Philip found you.”**

**(John 1:48 NLT)**




# Discerning but “Desiring” Faith!

- Son of Joseph...God...Man
- “Him of whom Moses wrote”
- “Can anything good be from Nazareth?”...You are the King of Israel!







*“Nathanael said to him,  
“How do you know me?”  
Jesus answered and said to him,  
“Before Philip called you, I saw  
you under the fig tree.”*

*John 1:48*

Because that man is an Israelite in whom there is no guile, look back to Jacob, in whom there is no guile and recollect, when Jesus tells you, the stone at his head, the vision in his sleep, the stairs from earth to heaven, the beings coming down and going up and then see, what the Lord says to the Israelite without guile:

“You shall see heaven opened”—listen, guileless Nathanael, to what guileless Jacob saw—“and angels going up and coming down”—to whom?—  
“to the Son of man.”

*St Augustine (354–430)  
Father and Doctor of Grace*

# No guile/deceit

- Jesus \*said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!”
- Nathanael \*said to Him, “How do You know me?”





**Integrity  
is doing the  
right thing, even when  
no one is watching.**

**C.S. Lewis**

# 12 Types of LIES

**1** Pretending they are someone they are not

**2** Creating a cover story

**3** Protesting too much

**4** Burying the lead

**5** Telling half-truths

**6** Diverting

Minimizing **7**

**8** Exaggerating

**9** Denying the truth

**10** Withholding information

Selective memory **11**

**12** Straight-up lying

Learn about each type of lie:  
[AnnSivers.com](http://AnnSivers.com)

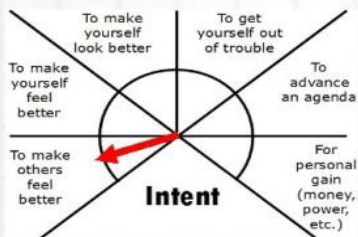
# How Some Lies Are Worse Than Others

## The Little White Lie

**Examples:** "That dress looks lovely."

"You really were one of the fastest kids in school. Really."

**How to fix:** Often doesn't need fixed.

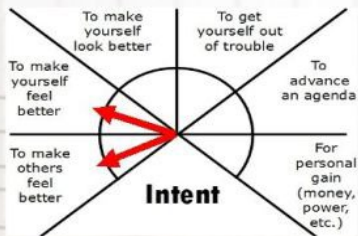


## THE HOPEFUL PREDICTION

**Examples:** "My idea is going to be great!"

"Our team is going to win."

**How to fix:** Use less certain language, such as, "I think this will be great." Sometimes doesn't need fixed.

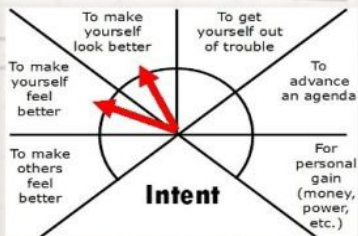


## The Biased Mistake

**Examples:** "I was really popular in high school."

"My child couldn't have done that."

**How to fix:** Look at yourself critically. Realize that we all make mistakes.

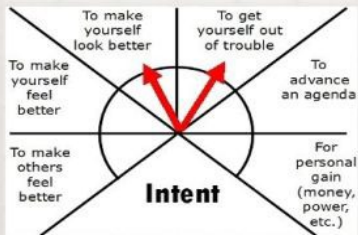


## THE TECHNICAL TRUTH

**Examples:** "No one saw me take that sandwich from the break-room fridge."

"Our hamburgers were voted best in the city!" (10 years ago)

**How to fix:** Ask questions! (Asking questions is great for other lie types too.)

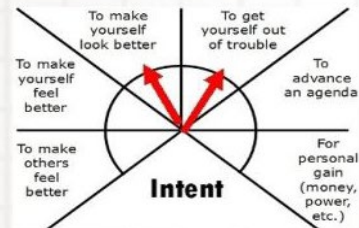


## The False Promise

**Examples:** "I will pay you back this month."

"I will clean my room this time."

**How to fix:** Determine when people try, but fail to fulfill promises, versus not trying at all. Record and remember promises kept and broken.

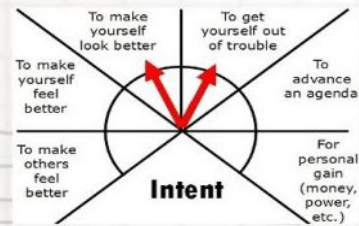


## The Double Down

**Examples:** "I couldn't have broken the vase, because I was out helping the poor."

"My teacher is the one lying, not me!"

**How to fix:** Consider others' motives and histories. Will lying benefit this person, and/or has he lied before?

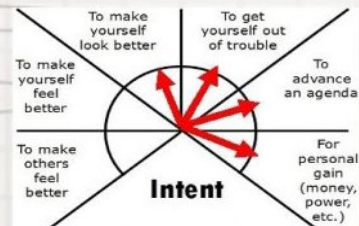


## THE BLATANT LIE

**Examples:** "I didn't break the vase."

"Some one else is interested in buying this car if you don't buy it right now."

**How to fix:** Again, consider others' motives and histories. Blatant lies and gaslights are usually signs of persistent dishonesty.

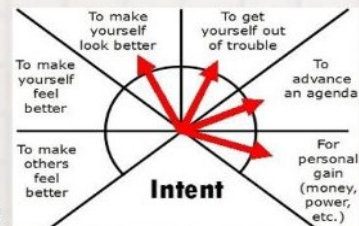


## The Gaslight

**Examples:** "Maybe I did lie. But so did you that one time..."

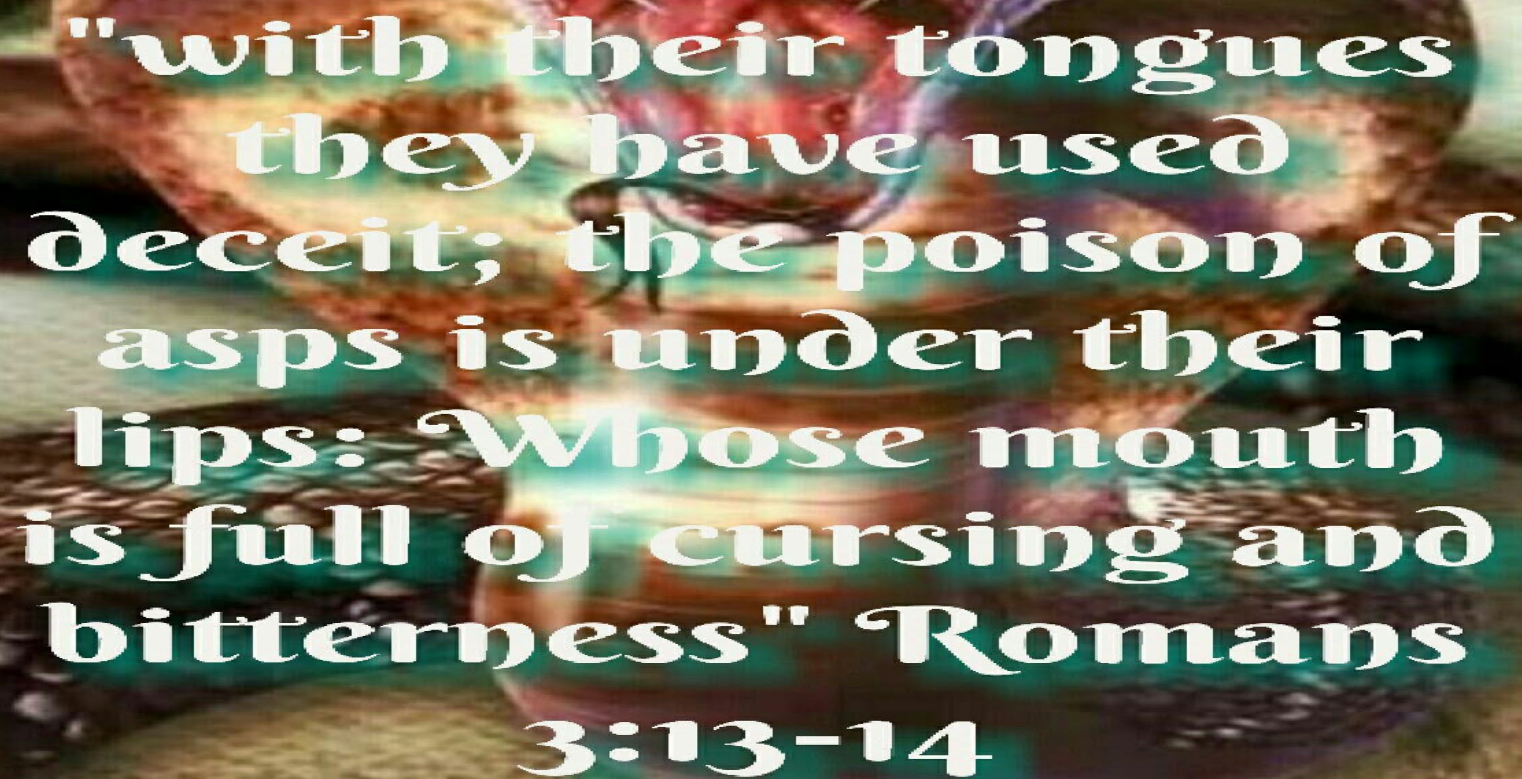
"This one study by the fast food industry says that cheeseburgers are healthy."

**How to fix:** Gaslighters know what they are doing, which is to intentionally confuse. Know fallacies, such as cherry picking, changing the subject, false equivalence, etc. Stop trusting anybody who gaslights.



# Augustine's Taxonomy of Lies

- Lies in religious teaching.
- Lies that harm others and help no one.
- Lies that harm others and help someone.
- Lies told for the pleasure of lying
- Lies told “please others in smooth discourse”.
- Lies that harm no one and that help someone.
- Lies that harm no one and that save someone's life.
- Lies that harm no one and that save someone's purity.

A close-up photograph of a cobra snake with its mouth wide open, showing its tongue and fangs. The snake's body is coiled, and its head is raised. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and brown.

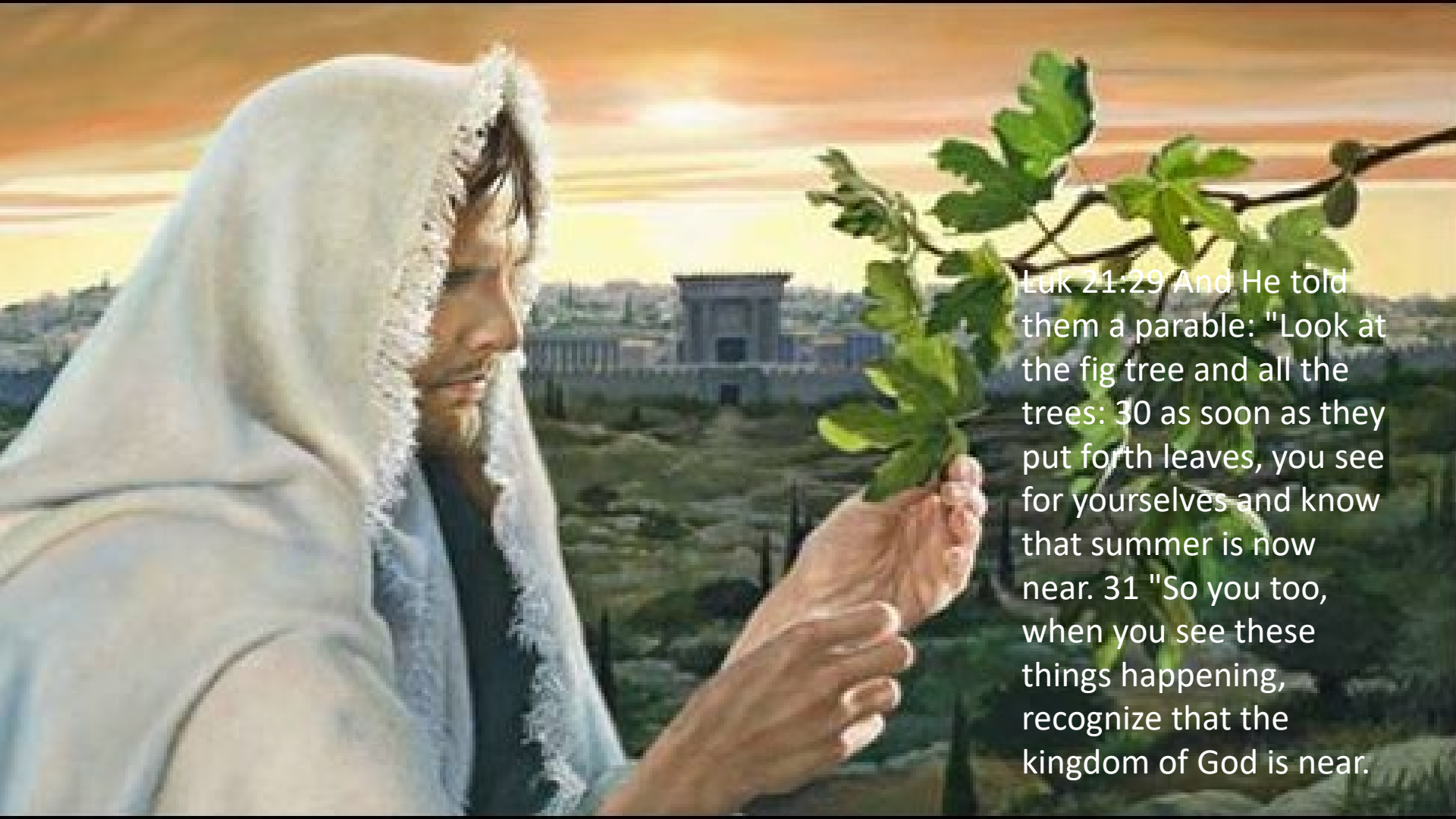
**"with their tongues  
they have used  
deceit; the poison of  
asps is under their  
lips: Whose mouth  
is full of cursing and  
bitterness" Romans  
3:13-14**

# “Fig”ures

- Fig trees are much used metaphors
- Since garden of Eden, fig leaves
- lived securely, everyone under his vine and his fig tree 1 Kings 4:25







Luk 21:29 And He told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees: 30 as soon as they put forth leaves, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near. 31 "So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near.

# Jacobs ladder

- **Jacob = deceiver, Nathanael = gift**
- **Genesis 28 Jacob wrestled with God**
- **Ascending and descending**





# Ascending and descending

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- There's a great gulf fixed...Luke 16:26
- Tower of Babel? Genesis 11
- Ladder/bridge built to heaven



**WHICH COMMAND IS TOO HARD FOR  
YOU THAT YOU FEEL YOU SHOULDN'T  
TRY TO KEEP IT?**

## **DEUTERONOMY 30:11-14**

**“NOW WHAT I AM COMMANDING YOU TODAY IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT FOR  
YOU OR BEYOND YOUR REACH. IT IS NOT UP IN HEAVEN, SO THAT YOU  
HAVE TO ASK, “WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN TO GET IT AND  
PROCLAIM IT TO US SO WE MAY OBEY IT?” NOR IS IT BEYOND THE SEA,  
SO THAT YOU HAVE TO ASK, “WHO WILL CROSS THE SEA TO GET IT AND  
PROCLAIM IT TO US SO WE MAY OBEY IT?” NO, THE WORD IS VERY  
NEAR YOU; IT IS IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART SO YOU MAY  
OBEY IT.”**

WHO HATH ASCENDED UP  
INTO HEAVEN OR DESCENDED?  
WHO HATH GATHERED THE WIND IN HIS FISTS?  
WHO HATH BOUND THE WATERS IN A GARMENT?  
WHO HATH ESTABLISHED ALL  
THE ENDS OF THE EARTH?  
WHAT IS HIS NAME  
AND WHAT IS HIS SON'S NAME  
IF THOU CANST TELL?

—PROVERBS 30:4

## Romans 10:6-8

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;



AND NO MAN HATH ASCENDED  
UP TO HEAVEN,

BUT HE THAT CAME DOWN FROM  
HEAVEN, EVEN THE SON OF MAN  
WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

John 3:13



# **“I tell you the truth”**

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- **“Verily, verily,”**, **“Amen, Amen”**
- **Phrase used 25x in John. This was 1st**
- **“I am the way, and the truth...”**





# he happened upon a particular place

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- Anticipating/expectant Faith
- Impeccable integrity
- Grace from a sovereign God. Gospel!





**The Calling Of Philip And Nathaniel by William Hole**



**I SAW YOU**  
while you were still under the fig tree

**“HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?”**

**NATHANAEL ASKED. JESUS ANSWERED,**

**“I SAW YOU WHILE YOU WERE  
STILL UNDER THE FIG TREE  
BEFORE PHILIP CALLED YOU.”**

**JOHN 1:48**

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΕΝ ΧΩΡΩ  
ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ ΠΙΣΤΟΣ  
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΡΩΜΑΙΩΝ  
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# THE DEVIL IS A LIAR

**“FOR THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM.  
WHEN HE LIES, HE SPEAKS HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE,  
FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES.”**

**JOHN 8:44 NIV**

# Lying

The letter 'g' in the word "Lying" is replaced by a detailed illustration of a snake, coiled to form the shape of the letter.

AN AUGUSTINIAN  
THEOLOGY OF DUPLICITY





## MATTHEW 21:19-22

19 and when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.!

20 and when the disciples saw [it], they marveled, saying, how soon is the fig tree withered away!

## Bartholomew (Nathanael)



- Bartholomew – son of Tolmai
- Considered to be Nathanael, because Bartholomew is connected to Philip in the lists of the apostles in Mt 10, Mk 3, Lk 6, but Nathanael only mentioned in John.
- He was introduced to Jesus by Philip - Jn 1:45-46
- Was praised by Jesus as having no guile - Jn 1:47-51
- Lived in Cana; saw Jesus after the resurrection – Jn 21

# NATHANNAEL





**Saint**  
**BARTHOLOMEW**

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# NATHANAEEL

GOD HAS GIVEN

(nə-THAN-yəl) 1. Origin: a masculine personal name, a transliteration of the Greek Ναθαναήλ, the standard Biblical Greek form of the Old Hebrew Nethan'el meaning, quite literally, "God has given," composed of the elements nathan "to give" and El "God;" 2. Historic: Nathanael appears several times in the Hebrew Bible and Christian Old Testament dating all the way back to the 15th century BC (from the tribe of Issachar); however, its endurance is primarily owed to the New Testament's Nathanael, one of the first to follow Christ and a man Jesus refers to as an Israelite "in whom there is no deceit" (John 1:47); he is also mentioned as one of the disciples before whom Jesus appeared after the Resurrection (Nathanael is considered by some scholars as one in the same with Bartholomew, one of Jesus' 12 Apostles); 3. Usage: despite the name's antiquity and Christian significance, it was remarkably rare in the Western world until its adoption after the Reformation in honor of Christ's disciple; Nathanaël is also the spelling used among the French.

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**HONORABLE HARD WORKING PATIENT**  
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**PRACTICAL RESPONSIBLE DETERMINED**  
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**RELIABLE INDUSTRIOUS INTELLIGENT**  
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SAINT PHILIP

NATHANIEL