

The Ten Commandments - Part 41: You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor - Part 2 (3/11)2023)

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Exodus 20:16—¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

We will continue to look at the ninth commandment today, and we will wrap this up. There are a lot of things I have to go through today, so I will try to get through this as quickly and as efficiently as I can. Next week, we will start the final commandment within the Ten Commandments. So, we are getting close to finishing this series. It took a little bit longer than I thought it would. That never happens to me. (Crowd laughs)

I want to open up today by circling back to a statement I made last week regarding this particular commandment. The statement was: this commandment has a very peculiar relationship with virtually all the other commandments within the Ten Commandments. It's a relationship, I will argue, that merits our undivided attention.

The more we dig into this commandment, the more appreciation you will have for it, the more fear of God will be cultivated in your heart, the more you will hate the concept of lying, and the more terrified you will be of falling into this sin. This is the power of the Word of God. The more you feed on the Word, the more it transforms you from the inside and out. If you really want the mind and perspective of the Lord, you must feed on His Word. We will feed on His Word today, and you will see how effective His Word really is.

Let's begin in the Torah by reading in Genesis 39. The backdrop is that Joseph was sold into slavery. He was a resident in the house of an Egyptian man by the name Potiphar. Potiphar was a very well-known, significant individual in Egypt. He was an officer of Pharaoh and the captain of the guard. So, this guy was not a no-name person in Egypt. This guy was at the top of the food chain, if you will. He was very prominent, which meant he had a significant household. This is important to the story, and you'll see why. With that said, I want to break in to the story:

Genesis 39:7—⁷ And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, (Yosef) and she said, "Lie with me."

Potiphar's wife had an adulterous heart. She propositioned Joseph and wants to have an adulterous affair with him. Keep in mind, Joseph was a Hebrew slave working on behalf of Potiphar. Listen to how Joseph responded:

Genesis 39:8-9—⁸ **But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"** (emphasis added).

Joseph did not acquiesce to her advance. He was not persuaded by her proposition and refused her categorically. Joseph reminded Potiphar's wife of what Potiphar had done. Potiphar had put everything in his house under Joseph's care. Joseph reminded her there was no one greater in his house than him. Do you understand the magnitude of that statement? Joseph conveyed to Potiphar's wife that her husband trusted him more than any other man and because of that, how could he do such a thing. But he didn't end there; he ended with, **"and sin against God."**

As a side note, this is evidence of the eternal nature of God's holy law. The Torah, the Ten Commandments predate Mount Sinai. This is just one drop in the ocean of evidence. I could do a series, for who knows how many weeks, just on all the evidence of the Torah pre-existing Mount Sinai. This is one piece of evidence. Joseph identified this as lawlessness. It is sin to commit adultery, and this held Joseph back. He didn't want to sin against Potiphar, who had shown him honor and kindness, and he didn't want to ultimately sin against God. The law restrained Joseph.

How did Potiphar's wife respond to Joseph's rejection of her advance? Did she say, "Wow, Joseph, you really compelled me. This is amazing. Because of what you said to me, I'm really convicted. I think I need to go to the Lord and repent and pray"? This would be the moment that she should have done this because Joseph laid out the law of God, saying, "This is pure wickedness. Look at how you're betraying your husband." Instead, this was how she responded:

Genesis 39:10—¹⁰ **So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her** (emphasis added).

This woman was relentless. Joseph wasn't in a situation where he faced temptation for a moment, then escaped it and said, "Wow, that that was crazy." No, Joseph is in a situation where he was locked into it. He was a Hebrew slave serving Potiphar. He couldn't quit his job and go somewhere else. He was stuck in this environment, and this woman wouldn't take no for an answer. Day after day, she tried to seduce him and persuade him, and I'm pretty positive she was quite convincing. Knowing who Potiphar was, most likely she was drop-dead beautiful. She used everything she could to edge her way to get what she wanted.

Moving on to Genesis 39:11—¹¹ **But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside** (emphasis added).

This was the perfect opportunity Satan was looking for. Nobody would witness this atrocity. Nobody would know the devil had set this up. When no one was looking, this is what happened: Genesis 39:12a—^{12a} **that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me."**

This had escalated because before this verse, she spoke to him day by day, trying to persuade him with her words. Now, she took hold of him. She was in his personal space, grabbing his garment. Since nobody was in the house, I doubt she had much on, so you can imagine the radical insane temptation. The devil was waiting in the wings to execute operation takedown. This was as intense as it gets. How did Joseph respond this time after she attempted to wear him out like the devil will attempt to wear out the saints?

Genesis 39:12b—^{12b} **But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside** (emphasis added). Joseph ran for his life. Notice, he left his garment in her hand. She never let go of him. Think about the struggle he had. She still had his garment in her hand. This woman was as adulterous as it gets. She was going to get what she wanted, and how dare this Hebrew slave reject her advances.

Genesis 39:13—¹³ **And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,** There is a reason this narrative is here. This is the part where she had Joseph's garment and started processing what just happened. She thought, "There is nothing I can do to break him; there is nothing I can do to seduce him." Every card she could play, she had played. Now, she realized this wasn't going to happen. What was her next move? How did she respond? This is where we get to the point of the story:

Genesis 39:14—¹⁴ **that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He (Joseph) came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice** (emphasis added).

Unbelievable! Talk about flipping the narrative upside down. She was the one going after him. She was the one with the adulterous heart. Now, she completely flipped the narrative and said, "He tried to force himself upon me." She just forged a lie.

Let me remind you, Potiphar respected and honored Joseph more than anybody. I'll argue, whether in his house or out of his house, there is no one Potiphar trusted more. As Potiphar's wife realized she couldn't get Joseph to acquiesce to her advances, and knowing Joseph and Potiphar had a real bond, might you think that she thought about what would happen if this honorable man, whom her husband trusted with everything, told her husband what she did?

So, what did she do? This is the takeaway: because of the sin she committed, she formulated a lie to cover her sin. This is the unique relationship that I was talking about. "**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor**" has a unique relationship with all the other sins. This is the instrument used to conceal the other sins. I liken the lie to a mask. People don masks to try to hide their identity. They don't want someone else to know who they are. In a very real way, this is exactly what the lie does. The lie covers the sin so it is not known.

Let's build on this by going to the Torah: Leviticus 6:1-2a—¹ **And the LORD spoke to Moses, Moshe, saying: ^{2a} "If a person sins and commits a trespass against the LORD by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping** (emphasis added)....

In other words, your friend says, "Hey, could you hang on to this while I go on a journey. I don't want to leave it at home because someone might take it." They drop it off, and you say, "Wow! I like this," so you steal it. When your friend returns for their item, you say, "You never delivered it to me. I don't

know what you are talking about.” Or maybe you tell a more persuasive lie like, “You won’t believe this. Someone broke into my house and stole it.” Yet, you kept it.

Leviticus 6:2b-3—^{2b} or about a pledge or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, ³ or if he has found what was lost and **lies concerning it, and swears falsely**—in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins (emphasis added).

So, you find something and pick it up. Later, a friend says, “Man, I lost this thing,” and they describe exactly what you found. And you say, “Oh, I’m sorry you lost that,” knowing what you had found was his, but you say nothing. We just saw Potiphar’s wife bear false witness to cover up breaking the seventh commandment, “You shall not commit adultery.” Now, regarding the commandment “You shall not steal, *lo tġanōb*, what is the cover? How is the sin hidden? by a lie.

Let's use imagery for a second. Every good robber (and I understand that's an oxymoron), but every good robber knows to be successful they need a getaway car to escape. That's the function of the lie. Do you see the relationship? Some might say, “I can commit these sins, and to ensure I don't get caught, I'll bring in an accomplice, a partner in crime, the lie, to conceal what I've done.” This is how it works.

Let me build on this: Proverbs 10:18—¹⁸ **Whoever hides hatred has lying lips** (emphasis added).

In the gospel of Matthew, Yeshua told us that whoever has hatred in their heart is guilty of murder. Now, we're moving to the sixth commandment, “**You shall not murder, *lo tresah*.**” Think about how there may be certain people that you speak peaceably to, and you sound like you're their friend, but inside you hate them and have bitterness in your heart toward them. What is laying the cover? Your lying lips. It's falsehood; it's deception. In all these circumstances, with all these different commandments, we see sin being covered up by lying.

In 1 Kings 21, there is a story of Ahab and Jezebel, the dynamic duo of evil. Ahab is a wicked king of Israel. Ahab coveted (we'll look at that commandment next week) Naboth's land, a beautiful vineyard. Ahab wanted it. The tenth commandment says he was not supposed to covet his neighbor's land, but he did. So, Ahab offers to buy the land from Naboth, but Naboth isn't like Esau, and he wouldn't sell his inheritance. Ahab is livid. Jezebel told Ahab not to fret: she would get him the land. How did she do that? Jezebel set up two false witnesses (important because the Torah says the testimony of one witness is not valid; you need the testimony of two witnesses) to lie, bear false witness, against Naboth. The two witnesses said, “¹⁰ **You—Naboth—have blasphemed God and the king.**” (1Kings 21:10.) Jezebel knew Naboth would be stoned to death because the Torah explicitly states that ¹⁶ **whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall be put to death** (Leviticus 24:16). She knew this was the way to fulfill the covetousness of Ahab, and it was accomplished by a lie.

Everywhere we go, we see this. I said this last week, and it is no exaggeration: the sin of bearing false witness, lying, is one of the most diabolical, evil, and dangerous weapons the devil has in his arsenal. I will argue, everything about Satan's kingdom falls when the lies cease. The only way he can advance his agenda on every facet and every level is to pedal lies and to convince you to believe those lies. It is absolutely sick and twisted.

I have yet to meet a drug addict who is not eating from a buffet of lies and telling them. People doing coke hide it from their spouse by lying. People doing heroin lie to their spouse for months. Typically, it

eventually comes out. An alcoholic's best friend is the lie to cover their addictions. Those addicted to porn cover their addiction and sin with lies. Everywhere you look, people committing adultery lie through their teeth virtually on a daily basis so they can go on sinning.

I liken this to a brick wall made up of all the sins we see in the Ten Commandments. If we stack the bricks 10 feet high and double wide, I could push my hand right through that wall with hardly any effort. Temper those bricks with mortar, and I'm not budging it. The mortar is the lies to all these various bricks of sin. This gives me a radically different perspective. When you start plumbing the depths of this sin, it gets scary. It gives me a lot more respect for how dangerous this sin really is.

Let's spread our wings a little bit in this discussion and look at Romans 1:18—¹⁸ **For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth and unrighteousness** (emphasis added).

You cannot suppress the truth unless you stand on a lie. You can't destroy the truth unless you propagate deception. It will not happen. Paul is talking about a generation that will experience the wrath of God. He begins to describe this by saying they were casting truth to the ground.

That's interesting because that's exactly what we read in the Book of Daniel. In chapter 8, we read about Antiochus Epiphanes, an antichrist, who cast truth to the ground. This is a demonic move to fight against the truth and to exalt lies. Paul was describing the days of Noah and the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Romans 1:24— Jumping ahead, let's look at what he said—²⁴ **Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,**

Take that in because Paul is telling you the symptom. If you want to know the evidence that your society has rejected the law and exalted the lie, this is the behavior that will rise up in society. It will be a society that is very pro-LGBT and defends the behavior of homosexuality. It will be a society that parades this sin in the streets. When you see that happening, that is proof your society has rejected the truth.

Romans 1:25-28—²⁵ **who exchanged the truth of God for the lie— and worshiped and served the creature —In the Greek, it's the thing that's created— rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge—**Society has come to the point where they are intolerant to what you say. They don't want to hear it anymore. They don't want it in their hearts or minds. They don't want it in the schools, the educational system, the government buildings, or anywhere in the country. The scariest part is they've come to the point, they don't want the knowledge of God in the church. That's scary—**God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting** (emphasis added).

Let me build on this by reading in 2 Thessalonians. Paul doubled down on what he just said, but he articulated it in a little different way. He said—⁸ **And then the lawless one . . .** Let's be clear about what Paul is talking about. This is a title for the Antichrist. The Antichrist is not called the lawful one or the

one who believes the law is still valid. He's called the one who doesn't believe the law is valid. That's interesting because we have a lot of pastors taking the pulpit, right now, declaring the law was done away with. They are doing the work of the Antichrist, pure and simple. They are working for the lawless one. This is a scary reality.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-9—⁸ **And then the lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.** ⁹ **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan**—Just as Yeshua came as the embodiment of the Godhead, the fullness of God, so, too, the Antichrist will embody the fullness of the devil—**with all power signs and**—what—**lying wonders** (emphasis added).

Bearing false witness to the truth is the platform by which the Antichrist grows his kingdom. With every lie that is spoken, Satan grows his kingdom. With every lie you believe and every lie you tell, you are working for him. That bothers me. I don't want to be a tool or a vessel for growing a demonic kingdom, a kingdom that will be destroyed.

2 Thessalonians 2:10—Paul continued—¹⁰ **and with all unrighteous deception**—another lie—**among those who perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved** (emphasis added).

Isn't that fascinating? Paul equates love with the truth. The truth is love, and love is the truth. What would be the antithesis to that? The lie is hatred. To accept and promote lies, know this: you're propagandizing hatred. This is very disturbing, and I like what Paul said: 1 Corinthians 13:6—⁶ **(love) does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth** (emphasis added).

In Corinthians, Paul specifically tied love to the truth. He also did this in other epistles like Galatians. Talk about a perspective! Love is truth, and the truth is love because Yeshua is love, and He is the truth. This is not complicated, and it gives you more of an appreciation that the lie is pure hatred.

2 Thessalonians 2:11—¹¹ **For this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie** (emphasis added). Lies like abortion isn't murder; lies like abortion is health care; lies like same-sex marriage is a good thing; lies like Jesus approves of homosexual relationships; lies like biological males thinking they're females and biological females thinking they're males.

Do you understand the kind of delusion being described is the delusion that existed in the days of Noah and in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah? It's a delusion all because they rejected the truth and embraced the lies. They're given over to unimaginable depravity.

2 Thessalonians 2:12—¹² **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

In this country, we see a society at a level of depravity we've never seen before. We have reached the level depravity where they are parading things through the streets that we wouldn't even talk about behind closed doors because it was such an abomination. This is where we're at.

What does Paul indicate? That they all may be judged. That's interesting because look at Psalms 92:5-7—⁵ **O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.** ⁶ **A senseless man does not know, nor does a fool understand this**—understand what—⁷ **When the wicked spring up like grass, and**

when all the workers of iniquity flourish—like we see happening right now. Wickedness in this nation is flourishing like we've never seen before. I've had so many conversations with people that don't even know how to describe this country. They say, "This isn't the America I grew up in." How many conversations have you had like that where people are blown away? They don't understand why evil has this power. Why does the devil keep gaining ground? This is why—**it is that they may be destroyed forever** (emphasis added).

When you see evil gaining ground, like you are, it's because we're looking down the barrel of judgment. Understand the signs of the times. Understand the reality of what the Word conveys. All of it can be traced back to us promoting and believing lies (tempering the bricks "of sin" with the mortar "of lies").

Isaiah 59:14—¹⁴ **Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter** (emphasis added).

Understand, when truth has fallen, the lies have risen up, and this is what society wants. It gets really frightening when you see the church wants that too. What do you say then?

Isaiah 59:15—¹⁵ **So the truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice** (emphasis added).

The Bible says if you live in a generation that is given over to unimaginable depravity, and you hold the line and speak the truth by saying that abortion is murder, they will come for you. If you are dealing with a biological male who thinks he's a female and say, "With all due respect, God made you a male," they will come for you. If you say that same-sex marriage will promote the judgment of God, they will come for you. Those speaking the truth in a generation like this are not going to be appreciated. They will not be accepted. Yeshua said this in Matthew 10:22—²² **And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved** (emphasis added). Yeshua is the truth. When you stand on His name and His word, you will be hated, period.

Plato was a prolific Greek philosopher, who was considered to be one of the greatest minds in history. I love what Plato said— **No one is more hated than he who speaks truth**—and it coincides with what Yeshua said. Plato was a pagan philosopher, who was immersed in the study of human behavior. He looked at what he had learned from human nature and politics and concluded that the people most hated are those who speak the truth. Oh, my goodness, that is disturbing.

I think of Yeshua's words in Luke 6:26—²⁶ **Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.** If you're winning a popularity contest, Yeshua warned that it's not a good thing when all men speak well of you. Guess what? That's exactly what they did of the false prophets. The false prophets were popular. The people loved them, and the false prophets lied. The false prophets were constantly telling the people lies, but it was what the people wanted to hear,

This goes to what Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:3-4—³ **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;** ⁴ **and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.** They will be turned aside to lies. This is what they will grab hold of. This is what they want in the church. We're talking about the ultimate level of depravity. It's absolutely disgusting.

In Jeremiah 9:2—Jeremiah said—² **Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place for travelers; that I might leave my people, and go from them! For they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.**

Jeremiah is in agony. It's like when you read in the book of Ezekiel, how the Lord commanded the angel with the inkhorn to go and mark all those who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done in His assembly. This is Jeremiah. He is sighing and crying in agony over the sin of his people, and he wants out. He just wants to be removed. How many of you have thought of moving out of the United States? People are overwhelmed with what they are seeing in this country. They can't handle the sin, and they are sick and tired of seeing it. It's disgusting. This is the heart of Jeremiah. He's overwhelmed.

Next, he specifically articulated what was so abominable in Jeremiah 9:3a—^{3a} **And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies** (emphasis added). He likened the tongue to a bow, a weapon of war that hurls arrows. The arrows are the lies going forth. Jeremiah recognized this, and then he said this (Listen to this carefully) in Jeremiah 9:3b—^{3b} **They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me," says the LORD** (emphasis added).

The Lord wanted to see something specific in His people. He wanted them to be valiant for the truth and hold the line. One of my favorite passages in the Apocrypha is **"Fight to the death for the truth, and the Lord will fight for you."** Understand, you are called to fight to the death for the truth, and the Lord will fight for you. You are to fight the battles of the Lord. Remember, David was so prosperous in battle because the Lord was with him. David fought for the truth, and it paid off.

Jeremiah 9:4—⁴ **Everyone take heed to his neighbor, and do not trust any brother—when you are in a generation of total depravity, listen to these words—for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanderers.**

Yeshua said in Matthew 10:16—¹⁶ **Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.** He warned you to be careful because you are in a generation of wolves.

Jeremiah 9:5—⁵ **Everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity** (emphasis added).

What a profound statement! Jeremiah was living in a generation like we live in right now where God hurled His wrath upon His people and destroyed His own Holy Place. Jeremiah said the wicked wearied themselves, committing iniquity. I thought about how much the wicked have to work in this country. Look at the deceptions and the lies being told from the government through the media. They have to work hard to orchestrate that and cover up lies upon lies. It has to be exhausting to walk in wickedness like we see.

Looking at Jeremiah 9:6—⁶ **Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit—** If there are ever words to be spoken to this generation in this country, these are it. Lies have become a refuge. We've come under the wings of lies—**through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the Lord** (emphasis added).

God will never be revealed, experienced, or known through the lie. God is known through the truth. God is discovered and experienced through His Word, His law, and through the truth. This is how we get to know the Lord. So, ask yourself, "Are you valiant for the truth? If you are not reading your Bible regularly and tenaciously being an avid student of the Word, you are not fighting for the truth. You are

not fighting to know Him. We are supposed to **seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness** (Matthew 6:33). He can't be sought watching TV for four hours a day or playing video games on your phone. You won't find Him there. All those things will be burned. He is found when you are on your knees praying, crying out to him, and confessing your sins, not hiding them.

The devil wants to convince us that the best way to deal with our sins is to cover them up with a lie, rather than confess them and say to God, "I have messed up." The devil knows that the lie is the mortar, and it will strengthen the brick wall. It will give these sins strength to continue to promote them and to prohibit repentance. It's absolutely demonic. When you start to dig into this discussion, it's frightening.

Let's go back to the Torah to Leviticus chapter 5. Please pay close attention because this is one of the highlights of today: Leviticus 5:1—¹ **If a person sins in hearing an utterance of an oath, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known of the matter—if he does not tell it, he bears guilt** (emphasis added).

You want to talk about how far this concept of "Thou shall not bear witness" stretches. It stretches to the degree that if you hear someone in a case bearing witness to something, and you know he is lying, but you don't rise up as a witness and testify to the truth, you will bear guilt. You will bear sin. You can break the ninth commandment without ever opening your mouth. Unbelievable.

I can't help but think of the gospel of Jesus, *Yeshua Hamashiach*. When you go out into the world and talk to people that believe in Islam, Buddhism, or are an atheist, or whatever their case may be, and they testify to the lie, do you rise up and testify to the truth? Do you share the truth? Are you a valid witness? The Lord called Ezekiel to be a watchman and basically said, "When I command you to warn the wicked that he needs to turn from his wicked way, and he does not do it, that's on him. But if you do not go as I've commanded you, and you do not tell him, that guy will die in his wickedness, but his blood I will require at your hand. You will be guilty before me."

When you understand this commandment, you realize you will be guilty of bearing false witness if you do not bear witness to the truth. You are to be a witness to the truth.

This gets into the law and the Torah. When men and shepherds rise up and tell you the Word of God, the law, and the commandments don't matter anymore, we have an obligation to stand up and say "That's not true. I'm a witness to the truth." Pastors, if you are doing that, you need to repent.

Over the years, people have said to me, "Daniel, you are kind of bold." They feel I am in the concentrate arena and am too much. They say I am kind of bold. I want to be clear. I've never seen myself as bold as much as I've seen myself trembling in the fear of God, and so what else can I do? Do I have to shut up? Should I sit down and bear false witness by saying nothing when I hear people lying through their teeth by bearing false witness to the truth of the Word? I will not do it. You have to stand for the truth. You have to tell the people, "The truth is—**that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved** (Romans 10:9). That is the gospel. There are not many ways; there is only one way.

How many people who are supposed Christians will be held guilty for bearing false witness at the judgment because they never shared their faith, their love for Yeshua, and the truth of His Word?

It's not a coincidence that in Matthew 7 we read about some Christians who did all these great works, and they will be judged and cast out because of lawlessness. They promoted lies. They promoted lawlessness.

Robert Louis Stevenson, a Scottish novelist, said this, and it's so true—**The cruelest lies are often told in silence.** When you keep silent and don't share the truth or share Yeshua, it is the cruelest of all lies. I hate this nonsense of replacement theology, the nonsense of dual covenant theology, where these Christian pastors are all fired up. They are pro-Israel, but they don't believe that the Jewish people need the gospel. Liar! That is a lie!

Listen to Proverbs 14:25—²⁵ **A true witness delivers souls**—A true witness speaks truth and declares Yeshua to be the Messiah. They deliver souls, and there's power in the truth, but look at the destructive power of a lie—**but a deceitful witness speaks lies.**

Remember, what the Lord told Ezekiel: if you do not warn the wicked to run from his wicked ways that guy will die in sin, but hell is coming to your door. It's coming upon your head. The truth has remarkable power.

Proverbs 6:16-19—¹⁶ **These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him:** ¹⁷—first—a **proud look**—two—**a lying tongue** —three— **hands that shed innocent blood,** ¹⁸—four—**A heart that devises wicked plans**—five—**feet that are swift in running to evil,** ¹⁹—six—**A false witness who speaks lies**—seven—**and one who sows discord among brethren** (emphasis added).

Notice anything interesting? The Lord brings out seven things, and only one of these things is reiterated. Lying, bearing false witness, is the thing the Lord reiterates because lying is the mortar that tempers virtually every sin out there. It is deadly.

We will close with Paul's amazing words: Ephesians 4:25—²⁵ **Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another** (emphasis added).