



Open Heaven 17 May 2024 Today Devotional: GOD HATES LIES

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TOPIC: GOD HATES LIES

MEMORISE:

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Revelations 22:15

READ: Acts 5:1-11

⁵ But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

² And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back

part of the price of the land?

⁴ Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

⁵ And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

⁶ And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

⁷ And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

⁸ And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

⁹ Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

¹⁰ Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

¹¹ And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 17 MAY 2024 TODAY MESSAGE

Revelation 22:15 tells us that as far as God is concerned, liars and dogs are in the same category. John 8:44 says that the devil is a liar and the father of lies, so, if you tell a lie, you are declaring openly that your father is the devil.

Years ago, I travelled to Ilesha and on my way back to Lagos, I decided to visit my late father in the Lord. I was close to his house when I remembered that he had taught us not to visit men of God empty-handed. So, I stopped to buy some oranges in Surulere.

As my father in the Lord was eating the oranges, he said, "Wow, these oranges are sweet, did you buy them on the road?" I understood that the road he was asking about was the road between Ilesha and Lagos, not Surulere, however, I said, "Yes sir". The moment I said so, the Holy Spirit said, "You lied". I said, "What is the difference? After all, I bought them at the roadside in Surulere." Again, the Holy Spirit said, "You lied".

I said, "How does it affect the sweetness of the orange?"

The Holy Spirit did not leave me alone, so I said to my Father in the Lord, "Papa, you asked a question just now. I actually bought these oranges in Surulere." The old man nodded his head and said, "Hmmm, Holy Spirit." He knew who was dealing with me. This is why it is surprising that many Christians have gotten so used to lying, even in the church.

A lying tongue is an abomination to God (Proverbs 12:22). God is irritated by lies, irrespective of where

it is told.

If God hates lying lips, it means that the prayers of a liar will be unanswered. God does not want to hear the voice of a liar. This is why many are struggling; the lies they love to tell have become a barrier between them and God. Lying can cut a man's life short. In Acts 5, the man and woman who lied to God's representative fell down and died.

This is a warning to every child of God who tells lies. God does not want you to be destroyed. Do not tell lies.

OPEN HEAVEN 17 MAY 2024 ACTION POINT

Make up your mind that you will only tell the truth from now on.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Ezra 1-4

HYMN 1: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

¹ All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

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and crown him Lord of all!

² Let highborn seraphs tune the lyre,

and as they tune it, fall

Before His face Who tunes their choir,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Before His face Who tunes their choir,

and crown Him Lord of all.

³ Crown Him, ye morning stars of light,

Who fixed this floating ball;

Now hail the strength of Israel's might,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Now hail the strength of Israel's might,

and crown Him Lord of all.

⁴ Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,

Who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,

and crown Him Lord of all.

⁵ Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by his grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by his grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!

⁶ Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown Him Lord of all.

⁷ Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at His feet,
and crown Him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at His feet,
and crown Him Lord of all.

⁸ Let every tribe and every tongue
before Him prostrate fall,
And shout in universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.
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