

# LYING

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## LYING IS ALWAYS WRONG

- God blessed the Hebrew midwives because they feared Him (Ex 1:17, 21)
- God blessed Rahab because of her faith (Josh 2:9–11; Heb 11:31) and good works (Josh 2:3–7; James 2:25)
- their lies were not necessary—God could have protected the babies and spies in another way

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## CONCEALMENT OF TRUTH

- is not a sin unless obligated to reveal what is concealed, e.g., failure to come forward as a witness (Lev 5:1)
  - you have a right to reveal or conceal as much as you want (except when you swear to tell the whole truth—fact finding and truth is the heart of our judicial system)
- no one has a right to know *all* the facts
  - men may forfeit their right to know *all* the facts because of their evil intent
  - God told Samuel to conceal his main purpose and reveal a contrived secondary purpose (1 Sam 16:1–3; cf. Jer 38:24–28)
- deception is not sin in games, sports, and war—an intent to deceive is agreed upon and accepted

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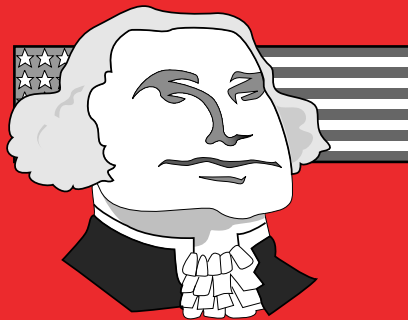
## DEFINITION

- opposite of truth (1 Jn 2:21, 27)
- intent to deceive

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## GOD IS TRUTH

- God can't lie (Num 23:19; 1 Sam 15:29; Titus 1:2)
- contrary to God's character, i.e., truth (Ps 31:5; 86:15; Isa 65:16)
  - hated by God (Prov 6:17)
- abomination to God (Prov 6:16; 12:22)
- prohibited by God (Lev 19:11; Col 3:9)



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## GOD PUNISHES LIARS

- destroyed by God (Ps 5:6; 120:3–4; Prov 19:5)
- not in God's Kingdom (Rev 21:27; 22:15)
- cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev 21:8)

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## SATAN IS A LIAR

- father of lies (Jn 8:44)
- deceiving spirits speak lies through false prophets (1 Kgs 22:22–23 = 2 Chr 18:21–22; 2 Thess 2:9–12; 1 Tim 4:1–2)
- characteristic of false prophets (Jer 23:14; Ezk 22:28)
- Satan encourages us to lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3)

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## WICKED MEN

- in and from the heart (Mark 7:21–23)
  - sin of the tongue (Rom 3:13)
- love falsehood more than truth (Ps 52:3)
- delight in falsehood (Ps 62:4)
- liars love gossip and slander (Prov 17:4)
- crush people they hate with lies (Prov 26:28)
  - liars are hypocrites (1 Tim 4:2)
- lie to get rich but pay consequences (Prov 21:6)
  - lies will be discovered (Prov 12:19)
- better to be poor than a liar (Prov 19:22)
  - unbecoming in leaders (Prov 17:7)
- cause of dishonest government (Prov 29:12)
  - nation of liars (Jer 9:3, 5; Titus 1:12)

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## BELIEVERS

- hated and despised by us (Ps 119:163; Prov 13:5)
- pray for help in telling the truth (Prov 30:8)
- pray for protection from lies (Ps 120:1–2)