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He came to set the captives free...

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LIES OF THE DEVIL by Bro. Gerald Brinkley

John 8:43 □ 45

[43] Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. [44] Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. [45] And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

The truth will set you free, a lie will keep you in bondage. The truth will allow you to live an abundant life. A lie will offer no hope as you go down the pathway of life. Satan wants to keep you in bondage, therefore let's look at the lies that the devil wants us to believe.

Lie # 1 - The Bible is not reliable, therefore it's not fit to be trusted. Satan wants all to believe that one can't trust the Word of God. Satan will say it's ok to believe some of the Bible, but not all of the Bible. If one cannot believe all of the Bible, then how can

one know what parts of the Bible to believe.

Satan wants all to believe that the Bible is not suitable for daily use. Especially in modern times, therefore you don't need the Bible as you live your daily life. This type of reasoning also brings into thought that you don't need the Bible as you raise your children. You don't need the Bible as you deal with others in your community.

You don't need the Bible as you deal with your own situations in life.

Satan wants you to believe that there is no hope in the Bible. He wants you to think that you cannot rely on the Bible. He wants you to think that the Bible is just a bunch of words, written by a bunch of men. But of course we know that's a lie. The Bible was written under the divine intervention of God. The Bible was written by men under the influence of the Holy Spirit

Lie # 2 - All will be saved in the end.

This is a delusion straight from the pits of hell.

Rev. 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the

abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Satan doesn't want you to believe or understand this. For you see, Satan and all those who work and follow him, will experience the same judgment that awaits him. That includes all who don't accept Jesus as their Savior.

Rev. 19:20 - And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Satan knows the Word of God [Bible], but he doesn't really believe the Bible. How many people today are in the same situation that the devil is in?

A truth straight from heaven. All who believe in Jesus will be saved. That is those who

put their faith and trust in Jesus, and follow Jesus' teachings. Saved from what? Living a life of misery now, and saved from the lake of never-ceasing fire in the end.

Lie # 3 - You have plenty of time.

Go and do whatever is pleasing in your sight, for you have nothing to worry about. Satan will tell you, if Jesus was coming back, don't you think it would have already taken place?

Another lie from the devil is this: don't pay any attention to those preachers of the Gospel of Christ.

All they want to do is control you. You're too smart for that. It's not too hot in hell, there is no hell, hell is right here on earth.

In truth, time is short. The world is getting wickeder.

Don't get hooked on the lies of Satan, but rather be freed by the truth of Jesus Christ.

Laughter... medicine for the soul

Bubba was from Alabama, and was a good ol' Southern Baptist. He loved to sneak away to the race track. One day he was there betting on the ponies, and losing his shirt, when he noticed a priest step out onto the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, this horse -- a very long shot -- won the race. Bubba was most interested to see what the priest did in the next race. Sure enough, he watched the priest step out onto the track as the horses for the fifth race lined up, and placed a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses. Bubba made a beeline for the window and

placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though another long shot, the horse the priest had-blessed won the race.

Bubba collected his winnings and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest bestowed his blessing on for the 6th race.

The priest showed, blessed a horse, Bubba bet on it, and it won! Bubba was elated! As the day went on, the priest continued blessing one of the horses, and it always came in first. Bubba began to pull in some serious money, and by the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick stop at the ATM, withdrew big money and

awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the priest stepped out onto the track before the last race and blessed the forehead, eyes, ears and hooves of one of the horses. Bubba bet every cent, and watched the horse come in dead last. He was dumbfounded. He made his way to the track, and when he found the priest, he demanded, "What happened, Father? All day you blessed horses and they won. The last race, you blessed a horse and he lost. Now I've lost all my savings, thanks to you!"

The priest nodded wisely and said, "That's the problem with you

Protestants..... you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and the Last Rites."

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then move up to 50-lb potato sacks, and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level now.)

After you feel confident at that level, put one potato in each sack.

A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE— COUNT THE COST! by Inez Brinkley

JONAH WAS AN UNWILLING WITNESS FOR THE LORD. (Jonah 1:1 NASB) *The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, (Jonah 1:2 NASB) "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me." (Jonah 1:3 NASB) But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.*

GOD CALLED BUT JONAH REFUSED. HE WASN'T EVEN WILLING TO BE MADE WILLING. SO GOD DECIDED TO GET JONAH'S ATTENTION: (Jonah 1:4 NASB) *And the LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up.*

JONAH WASN'T EVEN WORRIED ABOUT WHAT GOD WANTED. HE JUST WENT ABOUT HIS OWN SELF-CENTERED WORLD, DOING WHAT HE NORMALLY DID. ISN'T THAT WHAT WE DO TODAY. GOD HAS A CALLING FOR EACH OF US, BUT WE USUALLY JUST GO ABOUT DOING WHAT WE ALWAYS DO EACH DAY.

BUT GOD GETS OUR ATTENTION ANY WAY HE CAN. THAT'S WHERE OUR TRIALS COME IN. GOD WILL SOMETIMES SEND THE SAME TYPE OF TRIAL OVER & OVER UNTIL WE LEARN OUR LESSON, OR GIVE IN TO HIM. (Jonah 1:7 NASB) *And each man said to his mate, "Come, let us cast lots so we may learn on whose account this calamity has struck us." So they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.*

REST ASSURED THAT GOD WILL EXPOSE OUR WRONGDOING, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS. IF WE TALK ABOUT SOMEONE BEHIND THEIR BACKS, SOMETIMES GOD WILL ARRANGE FOR THEM TO HEAR US SO WE'LL BE SHAMED INTO NOT DOING IT ANYMORE. SO GOD EXPOSED JONAH. (Jonah 1:8 NASB) *Then they said to him, "Tell us, now! On whose account has this calamity struck us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"*

JONAH DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL THEM HE WAS FLEEING FROM GOD. GOD PUT IT IN THEIR HEARTS TO KNOW. (Jonah 1:11 NASB) *So they said to him, "What should we do to you that the sea may become calm for us?"-- for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.*

IN SPITE OF IT ALL, THEY ACCEPTED THE REALITY OF GOD. (JONAH'S NEGATIVE WITNESS) (Jonah 1:14 NASB) *Then they called on the LORD and said, "We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us; for Thou, O LORD, hast done as Thou hast pleased."*

JONAH'S NEGATIVE WITNESS WORKED FOR THEM. WE SEE THAT THEY CALLED UPON THE LORD IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. GOD USES EACH ONE OF US EVERY DAY, EITHER IN A POSITIVE WAY, OR IN A NEGATIVE WAY. SOMETIMES WE GROW THE MOST BY SEEING NEGATIVE THINGS IN PEOPLE SO THAT WE KNOW NOT TO DO THOSE THINGS.

GOD USES WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BRING US TO SALVATION, AND/OR SPIRITUAL GROWTH. (Jonah 1:15 NASB) *So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging.*

WE EACH NEED TO ASK OURSELVES: DO I HELP BRING PEOPLE TO FEAR THE LORD BY THE NEGATIVE WITNESS I GIVE?

GOD'S PROVIDENCE: (Jonah 1:17 NASB) *And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.*

GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS IN SPITE OF OURSELVES: (Jonah 2:1 NASB) *Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the stomach of the fish,*

SO JONAH REPENTED JUST AS WE DO SO MANY TIMES. BUT DID HE LEARN A LESSON & GROW FROM THIS EXPERIENCE? (Jonah 2:10 NASB) *Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.*

GOD TRIES AGAIN: GOD IS NOT STUPID. HE KNEW ALL ALONG EXACTLY WHAT JONAH WOULD DO. GOD PUT JONAH THROUGH ALL OF THIS SO JONAH COULD SEE HIS INNERMOST BEING & LEARN FROM THE SELFISH MOTIVES IN HIS HEART. (Jonah 3:1 NASB) *Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, (Jonah 3:2 NASB) "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."*

THIS TIME JONAH WAS OBEDIENT. BUT DID HE HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE? (Jonah 3:3 NASB) *So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk.*

GOD USED JONAH MIGHTILY TO CONVERT A WHOLE CITY, FROM THE KING ON DOWN. AND HE USED JONAH IN SPITE OF HIS BAD ATTITUDE. HOWEVER, JONAH WOULD NOT RECEIVE A BLESSING. WE SEE THAT GOD DOES CHANGE HIS MIND, WHICH GIVES US HOPE. (Jonah 3:10 NASB) *When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it. (Jonah 4:1 NASB) But it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became angry.*

(Jonah 4:2 NASB) *And he prayed to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore, in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that Thou art a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness, and one who relents concerning calamity. (Jonah 4:3 NASB) "Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life."*

JONAH WAS SO SELFISH THAT HE DID NOT EVEN WANT TO LIVE IN THE SAME WORLD WITH THESE PEOPLE. HE WANTED THEM PUNISHED AT ANY COST. (Jonah 4:4 NASB) *And the LORD said, "Do you have good reason to be angry?" (Jonah 4:5 NASB) Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.*

HE WAS STILL DETERMINED THAT GOD SHOULD DESTROY THE PEOPLE. SOMETIMES GOD GIVES BLESSING JUST TO SHOW THAT IT IS HIM WHO DOES IT. BUT OUR STUBBORN & REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE TAKES AWAY OUR BLESSING. (Jonah 4:6 NASB) *So the LORD God appointed a plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant. (Jonah 4:7 NASB) But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day, and it attacked the plant and it withered. (Jonah 4:8 NASB) And it came about when the sun came up that God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life."*

GOD CONFRONTS JONAH ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE: (Jonah 4:9 NASB) *Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."*

SO JONAH'S ATTITUDE DESTROYED HIS WALK WITH THE LORD. THIS IS THE LAST WE HEAR OF HIM, AND HOW SAD THAT THE LAST THING HEARD ABOUT A PERSON IS HIS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE AND UNFORGIVING HEART.