

Series: Lies & Liars.

Title: Lie # 1—The Bible is not Trustworthy.

Text: Gen 3:1-5; John 17:17; 2 Tim 2:15

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Theme Verse

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

The Attack

Genesis 3:1-5 *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

First lie of Satan told in the Bible - *Did God actually say...?*

- A simple _____ of the truth, inviting Eve into the _____.

Second lie of Satan told in the Bible - *You will not surely die.*

- A blatant _____ of the truth. Now she's willing to believe that God _____ to _____.

Third lie of Satan told in the Bible - *You will be like God.*

- A direct _____ for the truth.

Isaiah 14:12-14 *How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'*

Satan's theology is to make yourself _____.

The Truth

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

- This is God's _____, the _____ designed to _____ Satan's strategy.

Result:

- The Bible is _____.
 - The Bible is _____.
 - The Bible makes you more like Jesus.
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The Effort

2 Timothy 2:15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

- The reason people deny the Bible is because they _____ the Bible.
- Understanding the Bible _____.
- And it's important enough that you should do it.
- You can _____ the haters.

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