

Series: Lies & Liars.

Title: The Greatest Liar, part 2.

Text: John 8:42-47

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Theme Verse - 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Focus - Satan's strategic impulse.

John 8:42-47 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

Satan is:

1. In opposition to God.

2. Driven by the agenda of death.

It is his personal identity, his starting place, and his ultimate goal for everybody and everything.

3. Focused on the strategy of deception. v. 44

A. A _____ liar.

...a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth...

B. A _____ liar.

...because there is no truth in him.

C. A _____ liar.

v44 ...When he speaks, he speaks out of his own character.

(NIV) When he lies, he speaks his native language...

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D. An _____ liar.

...for he is a liar...

E. A _____ liar.

...and the father of lies.

His Children are:

James 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

1. Driven by his same agenda.

v. 44 ...your will is to do your father's desires.

Matthew 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

2. _____ by lying.

v. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

3. Incapable of _____ the _____.

v. 43 (NIV) ...you are unable to hear what I say.

v. 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.

4. _____ toward God or the things of God.

v. 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your father, you would love me..."