

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

FOURTH DAY... TRUTH NOW AND IN THE WORLD

TOMORROW

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If we think of being kings ... Godly kings ... one key attribute is Truth.

Proverbs 20:28 (NKJV)

28 **Mercy and truth preserve the king.**
And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

Truth is definitely a characteristic of God.

Deuteronomy 32:1-4 (NKJV)

1 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 Let my teaching drop as the rain,
My speech distill as the dew,
As raindrops on the tender herb,
And as showers on the grass.

3 **For I proclaim the name of the Lord:**
Ascribe greatness to our God.

4 **He is the Rock, His work is perfect:**
For all His ways are justice,
A God of truth and without injustice:
Righteous and upright is He.

John 14:6 (NKJV)

6 **Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

Imagine if God could lie ...

Titus 1:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of *the truth* which accords with godliness,

2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

God cannot lie. God won't lie. People do. How about us? How about politicians? Journalists? Researchers? Celebrities?

Should a king lie? Will there be lying in the World Tomorrow? Truth?

We are learning now to be kings. Learn the value of truth. There is harm and danger in lying.

Unfortunately ... the world today is full of lies.

There is a joke: How can you tell when a politician is lying? When his lips are moving!

There is lying in Advertising ... media ... newspapers ... TV news.

Benjamin Franklin said: "Believe none of what you hear. And only half of what you see".

In a survey in the USA ... "91% said that they fib regularly (what about the other 9%). One out of five said ... not a single day without one pre-meditated white lie. Almost half (45%) don't think lying is necessarily wrong. The better we know someone ... likelier to have told a serious lie".

Isaiah 59:12-15 (NKJV)

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You,
And our sins testify against us;
For our transgressions are with us,
And as for our iniquities, we know them:

13 **In transgressing and lying against the Lord,
And departing from our God,**

Speaking oppression and revolt,

Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14 **Justice is turned back,
And righteousness stands afar off;**

For truth is fallen in the street,

And equity cannot enter.

15 **So truth fails,** *(truth is missing)*

And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him

That there was no justice.

**Verse 14 (Voice) For truth stumbles in the public square,
and honesty is not allowed to enter**

Isaiah 59:15 (NIV)

15 **Truth is nowhere to be found,**

Our societies! Today.

Jeremiah 9:2-6 (NKJV)

2 Oh, that I had in the wilderness

A lodging place for travellers;

That I might leave my people,

And go from them!

For they are all adulterers,

An assembly of treacherous men.

3 **“And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies.**

They are not valiant for the truth on the earth.

For they proceed from evil to evil,

And they do not know Me,” says the Lord.

4 “Everyone take heed to his neighbour,

And do not trust any brother;

For every brother will utterly supplant,

And every neighbour will walk with slanderers.

5 **Everyone will deceive his neighbour,**

And will not speak the truth;

They have taught their tongue to speak lies;

They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit;

Through deceit they refuse to know Me,” says the Lord.

Living in this type of society ... it is easy to accept ... easy to be affected.

GOD HATES LYING.

Exodus 20:16 (NKJV)

16 “**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.**

This is one of the Big 10. Perjury certainly. Lying under oath ... happens all of the time.

But not just perjury!

Leviticus 19:1-2 (NKJV)

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 “**Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.**

BE HOLY!

Leviticus 19:11 (NKJV)

11 “**You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.**

DON'T LIE!

GOD HATES:

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)

16 **These six things the Lord hates,**
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

17 **A proud look,**

A lying tongue,

Hands that shed innocent blood,

18 **A heart that devises wicked plans,**

Feet that are swift in running to evil,

19 **A false witness who speaks lies,**

And one who sows discord among brethren.

Gossip. Dogs have many friends. They wag their tails rather than their tongues!

Proverbs 12:22-23 (NKJV)

22 **Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord,**

But those who deal truthfully are His delight.

23 **A prudent man conceals knowledge,**

But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

Proverbs 12:23 (NCV)

23 Wise people keep what they know to themselves, but fools can't keep from showing how foolish they are.

Proverbs 19:9 (NKJV)

9 A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.

Revelation 21:2 (NKJV)

2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:22-27 (NKJV)

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it. 2

5 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

26 And they shall bring the glory and the honour of the nations into it.

27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 21:27 (NASB)

27 and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27 (WNT)

27 And no unclean thing shall ever enter it, nor any one who is guilty of base conduct or tells lies, but only they whose names stand recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Of all of the things that could be mentioned ... LIES!

Revelation 22:12-15 (NKJV)

12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

15 But **outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.**

We are so used to lies ... deceit. It is the hallmark of this world ... and of the god of this age.

John 8:30-32 (NKJV)

30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

32 **And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**”

John 8:44 (NKJV)

44 **You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

(NIV) for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

There is no place in a believer ... a Christian ... or a King ... for lies.

God desires truth in our hearts.

Psalms 51:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.

2 **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.**

Psalms 51:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, **You desire truth in the inward parts,**
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

Psalms 51:6 (Voice)

6 But still, **You long to enthrone truth throughout my being;**

Colossians 3:9-10 (NKJV)

9 **Do not lie to one another,** since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Ephesians 4:14-15 (NKJV)

14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15 **but, speaking the truth in love,** may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Ephesians 4:25 (NKJV)

25 **Therefore, putting away lying,** “**Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbour.**” for we are members of one another.

Put away lying and speak the truth. A change ... part of conversion.

We should want to be a king ... a son of the Almighty ... The God of Truth. Not a son of the devil ... the father of lies.

Ephesians 4:29-32 (NKJV)

29 **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth,** but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 **Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.**

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Today is a world of deceit ... lying ... liars ... in politics ... government ... business ... education (evolution) ... media ... news.

The World tomorrow will be very different. Truth will blanket the earth.

Zechariah 8:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Again the word of the Lord of hosts came, saying,

2 “Thus says the Lord of hosts:

‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal;

With great fervour I am zealous for her.’

3 “Thus says the Lord:

‘I will return to Zion,

And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem shall be called *the City of Truth*,

The Mountain of the Lord of hosts,

The Holy Mountain.’ *(In the World Tomorrow)*

Zechariah 8:14-17 (NKJV)

14 “For thus says the Lord of hosts:

‘Just as I determined to punish you

When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,’

Says the Lord of hosts,

‘And I would not relent,

15 So again in these days

I am determined to do good

To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

Do not fear.

16 **These are the things you shall do:**

Speak each man the truth to his neighbour;

Give judgment in your gates for **truth, justice, and peace;**

17 **Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbour;**

And do not love a false oath.

For all these are things that I hate.’

Says the Lord.”