

# LIARS IN THE CHURCH

**TEXT:  
ROMANS 2: 24**

# INTRODUCTION

- ◉ A resumption from leave
- ◉ Analogies with the Christian
- ◉ Background to the text and some commentaries
- ◉ And so our discussion is entitled “THE LIARS IN THE CHURCH”
- ◉ We are going to look at
  - > Definition
  - > Scripture position on a liar
  - > Point out those who are liars

# LIE DEFINED

1. “To make an untrue statement with the intent to deceive.”
2. “To create a false or misleading impression.”

# Biblical Perspective On Lying

- God hates it – Prov. 6: 16-19
- A liar is a child of Satan and so Satan as well – John 8: 44
- A liar's share in eternity is hell – Rev. 21:8: 22: 15
- **“Who is a liar?” Bible gives us five answers.**

# WHO IS A LIAR?

## I. **One Who Has A Lying Tongue.**

- a) “To make an untrue statement with the intent to deceive” or “To create a false or misleading impression.”
- b) Biblical examples:
  - Satan: (Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:2-3)
  - Jacob and Esau (Gen. 27:18-24).
  - Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
  - **Modern Day**
    - Asking someone why absent at church meeting
    - Mobile phones
    - Husbands, children, etc

● ***Who Then Is A Liar? One Who Has A Lying Tongue.***

## Who is a Liar?

### II. **One Who Claims To Love God But Hates His Brother** – 1 John 4: 20; Ex. 20:1-11; Mat. 22:36-38; Ex. 20: 12-17; Mat. 22: 39

- John reminds us of a very important principle - *that you cannot separate the love for God and man.*
- Jesus' respond to the Lawyer's question in *Matt. 22:35-40* ....
- Demonstration of love for brethren identifies us as true disciples of Christ – John 13:35 that ...
- Roadmap to resolving differences offers Mt. 18: 15
- Therefore, to “love one another” is to consider the needs of one another, and to actively work toward meeting those needs (i.e., follow Jesus' example!)
- ***Who Is A Liar? One Who Claims To Love God But Hates His Brother.***

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### III. One Who Claims To Have Fellowship With God But Walks In Darkness (1 John 1:6-7)

- One can claim to be godly and be totally contrary to the claim.
- Hypocrisy is a terrible thing:
  - > *Isaiah prophesied, Jesus acknowledged - Matt. 15:7-8*
  - > Jesus later referred to the hypocrite as .... in *Matt. 23:27*
- ***Who then is a liar? One Who Claims To Have Fellowship With God But Walks In Darkness***

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## IV. One Who Claims To Know God, But Does Not Keep His Commandments (1 John 2: 4)

- Just because one claims to have superior knowledge of spiritual and religious matters does not mean that they have a good and true relationship with God.
- James 1:22 – *Doers Of The Word And Not Hearers*
- *James 2:14 – faith without works*
- *Luke 6:46 – say Lord but fail to do what I say*
- To claim to know God and neglect His commandments makes one a liar.
  - > John 15:14 “*Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you*”
  - > *What such commands?*
- ***Who then is a liar? one who claims to know God but does not keep His commandments.***



## Who is a Liar?

### V. **One Who Says He Has No Sin (1 Jn. 1:8-10)**

- ⦿ Not only is it a lie for us to say that we have no sin; but such a claim also makes God a liar, who plainly tells us that we are not without sin
- ⦿ No matter who you are, you are not above sin (cf. Isa. 64:6; Rom. 3:10,23; 6:23)
- ⦿ ***Who then is a liar? One who says he has no sin.***

# CONCLUSION

- ◎ In conclusion, if you are here this morning and you are a liar, then note:
  - > God hates it – Prov. 6: 16-19
  - > You provoke God – Hos. 4: 1-2
  - > You are Satan – John 8: 44
  - > And so your share in eternity is hell – Rev. 21:8: 22: 15
  - > Are you a faithful Christian of a lying Christian?