

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Genesis 3:1-6**. Sentinel, OK; 5.
- B. A liar is someone who knows the truth but tells another story.
- C. In the Koran, Mohammed wrote of two sinless lies:
  - 1. A woman may tell a lie to save a life.
  - 2. A woman may tell a lie in times of war.
- D. In the 'Mahabharata' Krishna wrote of five sinless lies:
  - 1. In connection with marriage.
  - 2. For the gratification of lust.
  - 3. To save one's life.
  - 4. To protect one's property.
  - 5. In behalf of a Hindu holy man.
- E. Today's lesson is about the biggest lie ever told, and the effects it is having on people today.

## I. THE BIGGEST LIE EVER TOLD.

- A. Scripture text: Gen. 3:1-6; Jn. 8:44.
- B. The lie is actually in Gen. 3:4.
- C. Satan was telling them that they (Adam and Eve) could sin against God and get by with it.
- D. People today are believing the same lie.

## II. THE FOUR MISTAKES OF EVE (AND PEOPLE TODAY).

- A. Scripture text: Gen. 3:6.
- B. First, she rationalized her sin:
  - 1. Food was not a problem because God had said they could eat of any tree of the garden except one.
  - 2. In doing so, God had allowed the maximum and forbade the minimum.
  - 3. We don't need anything more than what God has given us (Gal. 1:8; 2Tim. 3:16,17).
  - 4. Situation ethics is an example of rationalization to commit sin.
  - 5. Shakespeare said (correctly), "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when we practice to deceive."
- C. Secondly, she saw that the tree was pleasant to the eyes:
  - 1. Lot's wife had the same problem (Gen. 19:24-26) as they both longed for what they could not have.
  - 2. A painting only looks good from a distance.
  - 3. A watch can look good on the outside, and be rotten on the inside.
  - 4. Jesus said to clean the inside of the cup as well as the outside (Mt. 23 :25,26).
  - 5. Examine all things, hold to that which is good (1Th. 5:21).
  - 6. Let love be without hypocrisy, abhor that which is evil, cling to that which is good (Rom. 12:9).
- D. Thirdly, Eve wanted the fruit to be wise:
  - 1. Some people believe in evolution today because they have been told that most intelligent people believe in evolution.
  - 2. We sometimes believe we can actually outsmart God (1Cor. 1:20-27).
  - 3. What, value is there in being wise, when it may cost you, your soul's salvation (Mt. 16:26)?
  - 4. I thank God for my stupidity, because it makes me realize I can't do it, by myself.
  - 5. Let us exercise all of the intelligence and wisdom God has given us, but not to the point that we believe we are self-sufficient.
- E. Fourth, she shared the fruit:
  - 1. Sin is like a cancer, if left untreated and it will grow and spread.

2. Mother told me not to ride my bike without holding the handle bar a, but I said, "Tommy's doing it." (Go over the cliff!)
3. We do the same thing as stated above in our Christianity.
4. Remember bad company corrupts good morals, 9 times out of 4 (1Cor. 15:33).
5. Believing the lie, says that I can do things and the church will be unaffected.

**CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.**

- A. The cure for the biggest lie ever told is Jesus Christ (Gen. 3:15).
- B. The lie says one can sin and get by with it, but the Bible says the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
- C. Don't believe the lie any longer, come to Jesus.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.