

# PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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## LIAR, LIAR, I HOPE YOU LIKE FIRE!

I hate liars! Now maybe you think that sounds harsh. Just in case you are, in fact, one of those people who think it no big deal to wink at sin and coddle sinners, please meditate upon the following passages.

*“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person” (Ps. 101:3-4).*

*“I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love” (Ps. 119:163).*

*“Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies” (Ps. 139:21-22).*

*“A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame” (Prv. 13:5).*

*“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Rom. 12:9).*

Again, I hate liars! They frustrate me so very badly. Yet, planet earth is full of them. They abound nearly everywhere. Merchants lie. Politicians lie. Even some so-called members of the church lie (yes, even “elders” and wanna-be preachers).

Yes, there are so many children of the devil out there (Jn. 8:44).

Realizing that liars have their consciences seared (1 Tim. 4:2), most of them will scoff at the reality that liars do not have the favor of God and will not attain to eternal reward. The following passages of scripture plainly show such to be the case.

*“The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man” (Ps. 5:5-6).*

*“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief” (Prv. 6:16-18).*

*“The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment” (Prv. 12:19).*

*“Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight” (Prv. 12:22).*

*“A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape” (Prv. 19:5).*

*“The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death” (Prv. 21:6).*

*“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another” (Eph. 4:17-25).*

*“... all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8).*

Telling lies is no small matter before God! Unless the person who tells them repents, he/she will find out one day that the penalty is far more severe than having their “pants on fire.”