

Hebrews 6:18 (NLT2)

So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

Time for a reality and honesty check today. Have you ever gotten upset with God? Not just a little upset with God, but so much so that you felt like God lied to you? Maybe right now you may not be angry or upset with God (or maybe you are), but you still feel like there are some things God has told you and it seems He has lied to you about them. We have all been there at one time or another, but we end up finding out that we were wrong (Which we always are).

But here is something to ponder next time, or even now if you feel like God has lied to you.

† **Titus 1:2** *in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began* (underlined for emphasis)

That along with today's verse, which also says that "*it is impossible for God to lie.*" So, if "*it is impossible for God to lie*" and you feel like God has lied to you, then who is your god? The bible tells us who the father of lies really is.

† **John 8:44** *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.* (underlined for emphasis)

So, if you feel like God has lied to you, yet He can not lie, is God really your God? Would not the father of lies be your god then? I know that sounds harsh, but the truth is that we try to belittle God or bring Him down to our level to justify what we want or to prove ourselves right. Even Jesus addressed this when He said:

† **Luke 16:15** *And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God."*

The truth is that God has not, and He will not, lie to you. You can rest on the fact that "*we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.*" And He will always be our refuge and comfort, and you can hold tight to the promises of God.

But we must also remember that, even though there are thousands of books that you can buy with all the "make you feel good" promises of God, there are also promises God has made to us of

what happens if we turn our back on Him, or seek things that He tell us not to, or do things He tells us not to.

- † **Joshua 24:20** *If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good.*
- † **Deuteronomy 5:11** *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.*
- † **Deuteronomy 28:15-19 (NLT2)** *But if you refuse to listen to the LORD your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you: Your towns and your fields will be cursed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be cursed. Your children and your crops will be cursed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be cursed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be cursed.*

How many of us would put one of these verses on a coffee cup? Yet, reading these verses, doesn't it sound like what is happening to our Nation right now, and if you read the rest of the chapter in Deuteronomy, it goes on for another 50 verses of what happens when you turn your back on the Lord. But you must remember that these verses are not meant to scare us, but to keep us from going after bad things. Just like you tell your kids not to go near the stove with a pot of boiling water because they can get burnt, or to look both ways before crossing the street, because if they don't, they can get hit by a car. Even though it may sound harsh to a child, as an adult we know that these things can happen; therefore, we say these things to protect them. So God gives us these other promises, not out of anger, but for our protection.

So don't believe the lie that God has lied to your or that the Lord does not love you, because the only one who would want you to believe those lies, is the father of lies.

But the Father of truth has demonstrated His love for you... and that's a promise!!!

- † **Romans 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- † **Romans 8:38 (NLT2)** *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.*