

The God Of This World Wants To Keep Us From The Truth Bible Study – Pastor Charles A. Hall – September 12, 2024

Biblical Truth: Biblical Truths or God's truths is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory and being of God. It is the self-expression of God, which is the reality God has created and defined, and over which He rules. God takes pleasure in seeing His truth reflected in the character of His children. Biblical Truths is the opposite of falsehood (the state of being untrue).

Followers of Jesus Christ: One who recognizes Jesus' authority, true followers of Jesus recognize Him as Lord. True followers of Jesus Christ are born again of His spirit, and they allow the spirit of God to guide them through this life. True followers of Jesus are called to share the gospel, to encourage others to be followers of Jesus, by sharing their faith, and helping others to grow in their own faith.

God of the world: The God of those who are carnal, those who follow their flesh rather than their spirit. This means that Satan is the primary influencer on the ideals, opinions, goals, hopes and views of the majority of people. Satan influence also include philosophies, education, and the business world. The thoughts, ideas, and false religions of this world are under his influence, lies and control.

In this current day, when there are so many falsehoods being spoken by so many people, who believe they have the authority to speak untruths, as if it were the real truth. Based on the Word of God this is happening because of humanity's unwillingness to accept the truth, and their desire to make up their own truth. The author of falsehood is none other than Satan himself, who blinds the mind of people who are led by their flesh rather than their spirit, to believe falsehood. The Word of God predicted that a day would come when people would no longer listen, nor accept biblical truths, they will be drawn away from the truth through their lustful desires of their flesh. To feed their lustful desires they will gravitate toward teachers of falsehood, who will tell them what they want to hear, rather than what God desires for them to know and obey. As people drift away from God, as a result of following falsehood doctrine the wrath of God will fall upon them, because even though they knew who God was based on the things He had created, they did not show reverence nor were they thankful for all that God was doing for humanity.

- **1 Corinthians 4:4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- **Romans 1:18-28** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) Professing themselves to be

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wise, they became fools, (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: (25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (26) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. (28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- **Romans 8:7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- **2 Timothy 4:3-4** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

What many people fail to realize is that the God of this world (Satan) wants to keep people away from biblical truth, because truths keep us away from sin. When people don't sin, it reduces Satan's earthly kingdom. However, when we sin, we become followers of the devil, and sin keeps us from life, real love, lasting joy, peace, and wholeness. All of these things are a byproduct of our intimacy and closeness with God. Real intimacy is the result of living a life as much as humanly possible based on biblical truths rather than falsehood.

- **Ephesians 1:7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.
- **John 8:31-32** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; (32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

As followers of Jesus Christ we must set an example for the world to see, that we have been set free by the blood and power of Jesus Christ, and that we will not go back into spiritual bondage again.

- **Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.