

SEVEN SINS THE WICKED PRACTICE GOD HATED THAT'S PRESENTED IN PROVERBS 6

The sixth part of this series will now address a false witness who breathes out lies even under oath. There is a saying a half truth is a whole lie. This scripture seems similar to a lying tongue of which we discussed previously; however, the false witness is focused on premeditated lies, schemes, and plots to conduct an evil design. We may hear the phrase used **“there are many plotting on my downfall.”** We can see throughout the Bible how Saul was a man continuously plotting against David so he would not be successful in taking over his Kingship that was given away to David by God. We even see in the life of Joseph how he was falsely accused and a plot by the lady caused Joseph to be placed in prison. When we distinguish a lying tongue from a false witness we must look at what the word witness means and how it has been used throughout scripture in order to understand the context how God detest those that are false witness who breathes out lies.

Scripture Reference

Proverbs 6:16-19 AMP

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17 A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,

19 A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19 KJV

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A False Witness Who Breathes or Speaks Out Lies

When the phrase “a false witness that speak lies under oath” is mentioned we must define what a witness is which is the attestation of a fact or event: testimony, one who has personal knowledge of something. When we see the term witness our mind immediately associate this word with an individual testifying on a stand during a trial, an investigation when a law is broken, and of course throughout the bible about people being witnesses of God’s presence or the Holy Spirit who helps us to bear witness in revelation or information we received from Heaven. Let us begin looking at scripture

In Proverbs 14:5 we read, “A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies” (KJV). A person can tell the quality of testimony by considering the character of the witness. As a lawyer we learn there are several types of witnesses that will assist us in making our cases and when we



were learning the rules of evidence in law school we were taught there were evidence categorized as character evidence. Character evidence determined what type of witness and testimony from that witness should be heard. There is bad character evidence that speaks to the individual reputation and of course there would good character evidence. Here we can see that the opposite of a false witness is a faithful witness. When studying the names of God, specifically Jesus who was all man and all God has another name which is called Faithful Witness. This can be found by looking at Jesus having to be placed on trial before his crucifixion. In Proverbs 19:5 we read, “A false witness shall not be unpunished and he that speaketh lies shall not escape” (KJV). Here we can see that if we study the context of a witness he is someone who testifies on behalf of another through personal knowledge he or she has received on that he or she is testifying of. When we put the word false in front of that witness we now can determine that it is one who does not bear the truth in them. They will spew lies against an individual. A false witness always has a motive that is to gain an advantage over someone or damage an individual’s reputation.

In Genesis 39 we see that Joseph after being sold into slavery was brought into Potiphar’s house who made Joseph an overseer over everything in his home because he saw that the Lord was with Joseph and made all that Joseph’s hand touch to be prosperous. When God places a thing in your hand, and you are obedient unto God trust the enemy will always have a scheme or plan in place to bring you down. In verse seven of Genesis 39, we read, “And it came to pass after these things that his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master’s wife, Behold, my master trusts me with all that is in this house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.” (KJV). If you continue to read you will see she kept on pestering Joseph to lie with her but like the writer in the book of James told us when temptation comes at the door that can cause us to sin then we must flee from it and we can see Joseph was already ahead of his time as he was resisting the persistence of this woman. We should take note of Joseph’s actions and the words spoken by James to resist the devil and he will flee from us; however, we see that was not the case that happened to Joseph. In verses 12-14, we read, And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he let his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house and spoke unto them saying See, he(Potiphar) has brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord (Potiphar) came home. (KJV). We know the rest of the story Joseph was falsely accused and thrown into prison. Potiphar’s wife became a false witness the minute she began lusting after Joseph when she cast her eyes on him. The motive behind us being a false witness is when we try to receive or gain something that does not rightfully belong to us. When we have to manipulate to get a thing it will never truly belong to us in the first place.

How many of us can say that we have seen this narrative play out throughout the media where someone has been falsely accused of committing a crime and then truth be revealed later on. The result of being a false witness causes consequences for the person being falsely accused and false witness. The word above said that a false witness will not be unpunished, and we have seen how God will give justice for those that falsely accuse his people day and night. Another person we are going to look at who was falsely accused was none other than our savior Jesus Christ who was placed on trial by those falsely accusing him.



In, Matthew 26:1-5, we read “And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said unto His Disciples, You Know that after two days is the Feast of the Passover, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be Crucified. Then assembled together the Chief Priests, and the Scribes, and the Elders of the people, unto the place of the High Priest, who was called Caiaphas, And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people. Here as you can see the plot began to kill Jesus was done in secrecy by gathering together so that they can succeed to kill Jesus. We know they did not take Jesus’s life he gave it for us. I just wanted to show you how they gathered together false witness so when Jesus was put on trial he would be crucified all the while he was innocent. In this chapter if we keep reading we will see the betrayal by Judas and the arrest of Jesus followed by the trial. As the trial in verses 57-68 we read how the Scribes, Elders, and the High Priest had assembled together to bear a false witness against Jesus. In, Matthew 26:59, we read, Now the Chief Priests, and Elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus to put Him to death; But found none: yes, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the High Priest arose, and said unto Him, Answerest thou nothing what is it which these witness against you? But Jesus Held His peace. And the High Priest answered and said unto Him, I adjure You by the Living God, that You tell us whether you be the Christ, the Son of GOD. Jesus said unto him, You have said: nevertheless, I say unto you, Hereafter shall you see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of Heaven. Then the High Priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy. What do you think? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in His face and buffeted Him; and others smote Him with the palms or their hands, Saying, Prophecy unto us, Thou Christ, Who is he who smote you?

Here we can see how Jesus was on trial for confessing who he truly was, and the false witness tried to make him out of a liar, but he held his peace because he knew that it was his portion to redeem mankind. I know it did not feel good when Jesus went through this, but he endured the joy set before him on the cross and the joy was being able to fulfill the will of God by reconciling us back to the Father. This is the consequence of those falsely accusing Jesus and being a false witness. The bible does not go into details of what happen to those who were false witnesses against Jesus, but we know if the word said they would go unpunished we can believe God took care of them.

Overcoming A Spirit That Operates as A False Witness Who Breathes or Speaks Out Lies

There is remedy and redemption for when we act like a false witness and get entangled with spewing lies to those around us that could ruin someone’s livelihoods. The gift of repentance that was left for us when Jesus went to the cross so that we no longer identify as those in the world that is living in perpetual sin intentionally and being able to turn away from lying against others in any circumstance. We can then turn our false witness to becoming a faithful witness of sharing God’s word in love and truth. We should always try to live a life that is built upon the truth who is Jesus. He is the way the truth and the life we can depend on and our foundation we can always go back to. When we turn from operating in a spirit that always spews lie against one another



even if you are testifying on behalf of another to participate in helping them lie we also become a false witness and can turn that around by telling the individual I cannot participate in what you are requiring because it goes against God's word and places me to act like the world and not like Jesus who is my model. As proverbs stated become a faithful witness.

Examine Yourself

- Allow the Holy Spirit to thoroughly examine your heart to look back on the times you may have engaged in spewing lies and participating in being a false witness for those who are constantly lying to manipulate or achieve something that does not belong to them.
- Meditate on the Scriptures that were listed above to help give insight and identify areas of the heart that need to be worked on in order for the work of repentance to begin in your life.
- Last, allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to teachings along with his word to examine your walk as a Christian.

