Preacher Encourages Lying

I was told by one of our members about how they were having lunch with some people this past week and one of them was a preacher. This preacher was telling a story and in the story he was encouraging others to tell a lie. Now get this, a preacher encouraging others to lie! How can he do this and call himself a preacher?

When this preacher was questioned by the church member (no one else at the table cared to question him) why he was encouraging others to lie, he gave some flimsy excuse about how the person being lied to wouldn't know it and how it would actually help the person who was being lied to . This is the old "situation ethics", or, the "end justifies the means" rationale.

It's bad enough that so many people in the world lie, without preachers encouraging them to do so. The apostle Paul wrote: "lie not one to another" (Colossians 3:9). James wrote: "lie not against the truth" (James 3:14). Jesus said that the devil is "a liar and the father thereof" (John 8:44). When we lie, we are just like the devil.

No liars can enter into heaven (Revelation 21:28). So, where do all liars go? I'm talking about the unrepentant and un-forgiven liars. They go to hell; the lake that burns with fire and brimstone (Revelation 21:8). And, where do people go who encourage others to lie? They go to the same place. - Chris Reeves

News & Notes

Please mark your calendar with the following important dates...

May 26: Ladies' Bible class, II am, church building, lesson 6.

June 4-8: VBS

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

To all of our mothers here today from our Warfield family and those who are visiting, I say, "You are to be honored for the great work you do of raising your children in the way of the Lord."

Here is the origin of Mother's Day according to history.com:

"The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts."

While the Bible does not speak of children presenting their moms with flowers, cards, and other gifts, it does speak of giving mothers some very important and impressive things. What do mother's deserve to receive, according to the Bible?

Mothers deserve to receive obedience from their children (Ephesians 6:1), honor (Ephesians 6:2), affection (I Kings 19:20), wisdom (Proverbs 10:1),

righteousness (Proverbs 23:24-25), and personal care (I Timothy 5:4, 8, 16).

Mother's Day is a tribute and I can't think of a greater tribute than a mother who brings her children to Jesus. Let us consider some mothers who brought their children to Jesus (Matthew 19:13-15). What can we learn from them?

A Mother's Trust

In Mark 5:21-24, 35-43, a mother was willing to trust her husband to go to Jesus to ask for help for their daughter who was at the point of death. When Jesus came to the home of the child who was now dead, the people laughed at Jesus, but the parents trusted Jesus. Godly mothers trust that Jesus can do what he says he can do for the family.

A Mother's Respect

In Luke 7:11-17, a mother showed respect after Jesus raised her only son from the dead. She was a widow and now she had lost her only son. But, when Jesus raised the widow's son, she and the other people glorified God and said that Jesus was a "great prophet". Godly mothers respect and praise God for what he has done for the family.

A Mother's Perseverance

In Matthew 15:21-28, a Syrophoenician woman in northern Canaan showed perseverance when she came to lesus to get help with her demonpossessed daughter. After first, Jesus did not respond to her request. Next, the disciples wanted lesus to send her away because they felt she was a nuisance. Finally, Jesus said that he came to help those of Israel and she was not of Israel. After all this, the woman continued to persevere in her request for help and lesus granted her request. Jesus recognized her great faith and he immediately healed her daughter. Godly mothers do whatever it takes to get help from Jesus for the family.

A Mother's Ambition

In Matthew 20:20-28, the mother of James and John came and asked Jesus to place her sons in a great position in his kingdom. She had to learn from Jesus that it was not his intention to do that. Godly mothers will seek only those things that are proper and what Jesus wants for the family.

Mothers, will you come to Jesus and bring your children with you?

- Chris Reeves -