# The Father of Lies

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In John 8:31-45 Jesus (speaking to Jews who believed in Him) said that they were children of the Devil, as they did His work. Jesus says that Satan is the Father of Lies, and points to his work in the beginning. We can see this in Genesis 3:1-5, when Satan (the serpent, Rev. 20:2) lied to Eve and said she would not die, but would be wise. We are told in 1 John 2 that this event represents the work of worldliness (1 John 2:16). Satan lies to us through works of the flesh according to 1 Timothy 4:1 (with James 3:15). We also know that Satan lies to us through deceitful workers (2 Corinthians 11:13, Ephesians 4:14). Often these lies are manifested in false doctrines (such as "*Once saved, always saved*", Infant baptism, Church infallibility, etc.). But perhaps more often these lies are personal, to your very heart. So the question is this: are you being deceived?

1. The Lie of Self-Righteousness

"*Don't worry, you are right"*

Romans 12:16 Proverbs 12:15

Human reasoning can be deceptive

- Everyone tends to think they are right of themselves
- Do you appreciate you are not right? Right is truth, and truth is independent of us. We go to it.

2. The Lie of Paranoia

"*Everyone and everything is against you"*

Proverb 28:1

Fear is a powerful tool

- But we should ONLY fear God (Matthew 10:28)
- Insecurity must be overcome

3. The Lie of Victimization

"*Nothing is your fault, you are a victim"*

1 Samuel 15:20

Blaming people and circumstances

- A victim cannot repent and be saved, because they cannot see that they are wrong.
- God denies victimhood defense (Matthew 25:25)

4. The Lie of Good Feelings

"*If it seems good it is good"*

Proverbs 16:25

Most people think that what is good is right

- Something "good" cannot be "bad"
- All sorts of immorality are defended by our "good"

5. The Lie of Procrastination

"*You have plenty of time to* _____"

James 4:13-17

Time can be deceiving

- All of us think we have more than we have
- Is there something you need to do?