

Abraham, who out of fear for his life, said unto Sarah, “Say (to Pharaoh), I pray thee, thou art my sister; that it may be well with me for thy sake, and that my soul may live because of thee” (Gen. 12:13).

Last, but not least, were Ananias and Sapphira, when Peter said, “Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit” (Acts 5:1-11)

Lies have purpose:

- 1) Protect – Self, or someone else.
- 2) Gain – For the purpose of personal benefit.
- 3) Cover – To avoid contempt of families, or others.

Which of these three motivated the actions of the above-mentioned examples?

Prov. 6:16-19 — therefore — Col. 3:4

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NOAH	WIFE	ABRAHAM	SARAH
ISAAC	REBEKAH	AQUILA	PRISCA
NATION	JEHOVAH	STRONG	ABOMINATION
REIGN	UNIVERSAL	LOCAL	ASA
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# Strength of a Leader

## Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

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### Why Lie?

When the apostle Paul wrote to Titus (whom he had left in Crete), concerning the qualifications of an elder, he emphasized the importance of the office because “there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons. This testimony is true” (Titus 1:10-13): “This character of the Cretans is abundantly sustained by the examples adduced by Wetstein. To be a Cretan, became synonymous with being a liar, in the same way as to be a Corinthian, became synonymous with living a licentious life” (Albert Barnes): as was testified by “One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons” (ibid).

When addressing the evangelist Timothy, he warned him saying, “But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13).

# Righteousness and a Strong Leader

## Part II

### I. In the Home:

- A. Gen. 6:8; 7:7; 2 Pet. 2:5 - Noah and wife
- B. Gen. 18:11, 17-19 - Abraham and Sarah
- C. Gen. 24:67 - Isaac and Rebekah
- D. Lk. 1:5-6 - Zacharias and Elisabeth
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- F. Acts 18:2; 1 Cor. 16:19 - "Aquila and Prisca salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house."

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- B. In the Nation:
  - 1. Psa. 33:12 – Through a national recognition of Jehovah as God.
  - 2. Prov. 14:34 – Wherein is a national righteousness.
  - 3. 2 Chron. 15:2-9 – Asa was a strong leader and took courage to put away the abominations of the land (The prophet Azariah/Oded)

- 4. 2 Chron. 17:3-10 – Under the reign of Jehoshaphat, and his endeavors to teach to Judah the laws of Jehovah the nation flourished.

### C. In the church:

- 1. Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:23 – Universal: Christ as head
- 2. 1 Cor. 12:27, 28 – Local
- 3. Acts 9:31 – “So the church...had peace, being edified.”
- 4. Rev. 3:7-13 – Philadelphia (Vs. 8 – “I know thy works (behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name.”

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Unto the Corinthians, Paul said, “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, (2 Cor. 11:3) as the scriptures affirm, when Jehovah brought Eve’s error to light, saying, “What is this thou hast done? And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat” (Gen.3:13).

Peter warned his reader about false prophets who “in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you” (2 Pet. 2:3). Merchandise: “denotes "commerce, business, trade” (Vine’s).

Job testified, saying, “If like Adam I have covered my transgressions, By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom, Because I feared the great multitude, And the contempt of families terrified me, So that I kept silence, and went not out of the door--” (Job 31:33-34).

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