

telling lies are the children of the Devil. For this reason Jesus said to the chief men or clergy of the Jews: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." He that is of God sees God's Word and obeys. Therefore those who repeat Satan's lies are children of the Devil.—John 8:44, 47.

The words of Jesus make a clear distinction between truth and lies. Replying to a question propounded to Jesus, he said: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should [be a witness to] the truth. Every one that is of the truth hearth my voice." (John 18:37) "God . . . cannot lie." (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18) He is the true and righteous One, and his Word is the truth. (John 17:17) It follows, then, that all doctrines or teachings of men, which are contrary to the Word of God, are false teachings; and if such doctrines or teachings tend to do injury to others, then such doctrines or teachings are lies. You are now about to give consideration to doctrines or teachings about which you have heard much, and for your own welfare you must determine whether or not those doctrines or teachings are true or false. If you find that doctrines, when measured by the Word of God, are contrary to the Word of God, then it is certain that such teachings are lies and that they proceed from the Devil, the originator or father of lies. If you find that a doctrine or teaching is a lie, you should quickly forsake it, regardless of who teaches it or how long you have believed that teaching to be true. Your own welfare and your duty to God demand that you abandon lies, no matter who teaches them, for the reason that the

end of the maker and supporter of lies is eternal death.—Revelation 21:8, 27.)

God hates a speaker of lies. (Proverbs 6:16-19) "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish." (Proverbs 19:9) The Devil lied to and deceived the perfect woman Eve. It is certain, then, that the Devil by and through his agents lies to and deceives many imperfect creatures. There is only one possible way to find safety, and that is to learn the truth of God's Word and follow that and keep away from the teachings of men which are contrary to the Word of God. If you find that you have been for some time in an organization called "the church", and that such organization teaches that which is contrary to God's Word of truth, then you will have to choose whether you will remain in accord with that so-called "church" organization and its teachings or will forsake the same and rely upon the Word of God. As you consider the following points the test will be upon you. Ask the God of all wisdom and comfort to let you see the truth.

#### DEATH

You have often heard some human teacher say: "There is no death; when a man is taken away in what is called death he is not in fact dead but passes on to live; his body dies, but his soul lives on forever." In brief, such is the teaching of practically all the religious organizations of "Christendom". Is that doctrine or teaching true, or is it a lie? The Scriptures emphatically answer that such teaching is Satan's lie. God said to man: 'In the day that you sin, you shall surely die.' (Genesis 2:17) The liar