

# The Pulpit

A SERMON BY THE REV. IRA W. HENDERSON

Subject: Lying.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church, Hamburg avenue and Weirfield street, on the theme "Lying." The Rev. Dr. I. W. Henderson, pastor, took as his text Ex. 20:16, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

To cut the text down to four words and to make it come straight to the point and our own day, we will rewrite it: "Thou shalt not lie." In our time—whether because of the prevalence of the evil or not, I shall not attempt to say—the word lie seems to cause a shudder to run over the average human frame and to merit reprimand from many. Plain words, we are told, are too harsh, and besides, you know they aren't good form. The thief, he he weak enough to give us strength of courage so to do, we will generally name without the slightest hesitation, but we are slow to give any man the lie. This desire to be proper and polite is all very well in its place. Harsh words are not necessary over points upon which we may honestly and reasonably disagree. Either or both of the parties to a matching of ideas may be at fault. All men are fallible and prone to error and mistakes. None of us is infallible and most of us now and then remember things that are not so, and make statements that the facts will prove untrue. The sharp answer is here very manifestly out of place. But the common liar who willfully, deliberately, maliciously spreads untruth should be branded as a liar—and that in hot haste.

The varieties of falsehood are like the shades of black—endless. But perhaps in no other place than our courts of law is the lie found more frequently or in a more vicious and abandoned form. The unbridled perjury which takes place in our courts is really past belief. One would think that men would hesitate to swear in falsehoods under cover of God's name, but any judge will tell you that hundreds do.

The infamous attacks upon men in our public life, the lies gigantic of our political campaigns, started with malign intent to destroy trust in a candidate who is beyond reproach, are unworthy of a self-respecting people and should be abandoned. The unfounded attacks upon the characters of good men, by editors who should be above such things, are not fair either to the attacked or to the intelligence of the writers. The stories that are spread through financial centres in order to weaken public confidence in standard securities or to destroy public faith in the standing and solvency of individuals, firms or corporations, are pieces from the same cloth. They are clearly within the meaning of the text. No desire to give vent to spite, no satisfaction of a grudge, is sufficient excuse for any man to endanger the happiness of other men or the health of his own soul. The jugglery of figures to prove balances, trade or profits that never did or will exist, is wrong; and the men who do it know it to be unmix'd evil.

The number of palpable falsehoods that are told in the business world is beyond compute. The desire to excel leads many a man to become exceedingly careless in his choice of words. The very advertisements of our day are self-confessed falsehoods. No one believes them half the time, for experience has proven the need to take them with a grain of salt. Palming off something "just as good" which really isn't; selling adulterated food stuffs under the guise of pure supplies; unloading on the public veneers of all sorts as solid material throughout; the publishing of symptoms that may exist at intervals in the physical condition of any man, as the certain and unmistakable signs of the speedy destruction of our bodies by incurable disease; these and a hundred more untruths may be charged against the liar. The great American sin of falsification by exaggeration and overstatement is too rife in our land. It bodes no good for respect for truth and it can and does do harm.

In our social, or should I say society, life we find the seeds of falsehood also. The desire to seem to be more than we are makes many of us resort to means that are, at bottom, false. Simulation of position, wealth, character or wisdom that is not ours, is precarious business. Sooner or later the lie will down us and the truth will find us out. Before we expect we may be caught. Who of us does not pretend to friendships which never did or will exist? Those little social catch words that slip so glibly from our tongues but that have no heart behind them, had just as well be left out of our vocabularies. The desire to say something that we do not feel, in order not to hurt, makes many of us liars. It is not necessary to perjure oneself to escape embarrassing predicaments. The sure way is to be silent. If you can't speak the truth say nothing—or better turn the point of conversation to a sham, and anyway the cultivation of self is best.

Of all the mean and despicable things in this world the lie that is born of malignant motives is the worst. The lie, like the opportunity that is passed, never can be called back. Spawn of an evil mind, it goes on a way of sin. Before its scorching breath good reputations die, and in its wake sorrow, trouble and distrust are sure to lurk. Of all the mean things in this world the lie is the most contemptible.

Here as in other cases the popular mind is slow to perceive the truth behind a sentence. Men are not quick to carry principles to conclusions nearly half so extensive as logic will demand. The point-blank falsehood with intent to ruin reputation or to bolster up another lie is usually what we think of first. Most of us are fairly quick to see and to do go thus far. But is the lie from the

tongue the only lie that does harm. Is the story of malignant falsehood which never stops the only sort of untruth that we should avoid and disdain? I think not. That knowing look, or that evasive answer, or that suspicion of a smile, which we all can use and have seen, all three are parties to too frequent lies that we dare not utter. The knowing look has struck fear to many a trusting heart. The evasive answer has caught away the faith of not a few believing souls. That silent, quiet smile has shattered confidence in many a character ere this. "They say" and "some one told me so" are the unholy parents of a godless host of lies. Here is a mother who has asked for good news of her boy, only to receive that mean and false evasive answer that leaves so much unsaid and so much to be implied. The implication kills her trust.

Here is the man who paints to you the virtue of a friend. You give to him that knowing look, as if to say, "and you, too, trust him, poor fool!" and confidence is gone. The dainty maiden with her heart so full of love recounts to you the nobleness of the man she loves, and you give to her a smirk. Of course you've said nothing, perhaps you know nothing to contradict her view, but you smile and the light of her life is dimmed. Lies by consent, perhaps, falsehoods by implication no doubt they are; but before the judgment bar of God they shall be termed "unclean."

But thus far our talk has been largely negative. Let us approach our topic for a moment from the positive point. The command not to speak evil of our neighbor when revised in the light of the life of Christ becomes a positive demand for strict adherence to the truth. The sense of the obligation to be true and to live true is at the base of all individual and social life and advancement. No man can lie to himself and be a party to his own upliftment. To move ahead and into union with God we must be true to our personalities. The desire to obey the pure dictates of a good conscience is the beginning of individual advance. We cannot be untrue to self and true to men and to God. The agreement of each man by and with himself, to be consistent with the demands of his highest inner light is the basis of social credit. The power of credit, that is to say, credibility or trustworthiness, cannot be too much remarked. Credit or the assurance we have of the honesty and reliability of individuals or companies of men, whether firms or nations, is the foundation upon which political systems are built. We could not do business nor conduct a government for a day were it not for this great and fundamental principle of human life: that credit—that is to say, honor and truth—must be maintained. For how long think you would the fabric of our state remain intact were mutual faith destroyed and credit given up? The elaborate business system to which we point with pride will be a wretched thing of the past so soon as personal and social honesty is removed. Immanuel Kant regarded falsehood as "the forfeiture of human personal worth, a destruction of personal integrity," and another forceful thinker has declared that "credit rests on the general social virtue of truthfulness."

Truthfulness is necessary to the maintenance of personal integrity. Integrity is unity with our best ideals. To say it short—personal integrity is the individual recognition of the necessity for personal unity—in personality if you will. The man of integrity is the man whose mind and heart and actions are at one. His conscience is the arbiter of his deeds. Disintegration comes with the denial of the rights of conscience—that is to say, of the voice of reasonable truth. The disintegrated man is a man without integrity, whose life is a jumble at the best or whose conscience and deeds when at their worst are disreputable and a discredit to self and society. Be true to self! Be yourself! Maintain your personal integrity. Be a unified soul growing in the nature of the Spirit into the stature of Christ.

Thus only can personal truthfulness be maintained and social credit be assured support. The best individual is the one whose integrity is unquestioned. The only sound governmental and political system is that which is rested upon that social credit which has its roots in personal unity with the truth of God.

**Moral Inability.**  
What is the meaning of "dead in trespasses and sins?" We must take great care in our use of the illustration of death in connection with sins! Physical death, of course, includes absolute insensibility, or else there would be nothing to which the evangelist could appeal and no consciousness of responsibility. What it does mean is moral inability. Man is so far gone from original righteousness that he is absolutely unable by his own unaided effort, without divine grace, to come back to God. Thus the sinner, so far as ability is concerned, needs, not merely an awakening from slumber, but the bestowal of new life.

Keep in view this distinction between moral insensibility and moral inability, and apply the term "dead in trespasses and sins" to the latter.—Rev. W. H. G. Thomas, in London Christian.

**Wondrous Love.**  
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**Where the Soul Refreshes Itself.**  
There is a power in the peace God giveth of which the men who are rushing along the broad and dusty highway can form no conception. The meadows on which the soul refreshes itself are ever green.—Thelwall.

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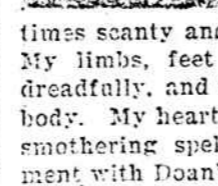
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