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The 3rd. Commandment (vertical)

Exodus 20:7

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,

when we display, speak, live a life that misrepresents what God is all about – we are in a real way – lying about God.

Whenever we misrepresent someone else
We are in fact - lying about them

BTW – many scholars also view this 9th. Commandment closely related to the 8th.
Commandment – “You Shall Not Steal”

??? What Is It To Lie ???

lying is not a matter of opinion or preference. Lying is not of personal assessment
or of a value system.

“Beauty is in the eye of the beholder”

doesn't mean that if you think something is ugly then other must be lying

Lying Must Have a Motive or Intent.

To injury, to damage, to hurt, to deceive, to mislead, to manipulate.

Gossip / Exaggeration / Embellishment

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**WOMAN CAN KEEP A SECRET JUST AS GOOD AS A MAN CAN. IT
JUST TAKES MORE OF THEM TO KEEP IT.”**

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THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

LOOKING INTO THE HEART OF GOD

1.) Why is lying a sin ?

Everyone one of us has a problem with lying.
There is not one person on earth that has not lied about something.

From just how big that fish really was to “yes dear that dress
make you look skinny”.

Rom. 3:4

Let God be true but every man a liar.

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WHY IS LYING A SIN ?

1a.) Because it **attempts to oppose** the will of God

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, that He should lie,

Jesus Said that Lying has a **Spiritual DNA** in us.

John 8:42-44

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **:43** Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. **:44** You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

It's a Sin Because

It's a human resource that is based upon a falsehood to either protect yourself or to destroy another for your own self-interests or the interests of a corroborator.

Gen. 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" :2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; :3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " :4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. :5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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WHY IS LYING A SIN ?

1b.) Because it **attempts to justify** a wrongful act

Lying is a natural human tendency

To cover up a wrong or to divert blame.

Attention Ya'll – to Blame someone or something is the #1 indicator that the person is lying about what happened.

Gen. 3:8-13

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. :9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?" :10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." :11 And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" :12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." :13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

WHY IS LYING A SIN ?

1c.) because it **attempts to deceive** with intent to control

Acts 5:1-11

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. :2 And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it*, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. :3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? :4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." :5 then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. :6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried *him*. :7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. :8 And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." :9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out." :10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband. :11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

Prov. 6:16

These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: :17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,

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2.) Where does lying come from ?

WHERE DOES LYING COME FROM ?

2a.) It comes from the deepest part of us

Jer. 17:9

“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

James 1:26

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

This is another reason why we need a new heart and a renewed mind.

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WHERE DOES LYING COME FROM ?

2b.) It comes from a desperate soul

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2b.) It comes from a desperate soul

it comes from unbelief - in the sense of faithlessness.
when we lie we're not trusting in God to take care of us.

Psa. 37:4-5

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. :5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

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WHERE DOES LYING COME FROM ?

2c.) It comes from an insecure life

far too many people do not see just how valuable their lives really are and so they see their lives as unimportant and uneventful – without meaning.

Lying is when we embellish the truth because we don't see the truth as being big enough, bright enough, or impressive enough.

2Cor. 5:15-17

He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. :16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. :17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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3.) What happens when a lie is told ?

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LIE IS TOLD ?

3a.) We sin against God

I can tell you that I have been in Israel and have met people who are human lie detectors. They have been trained to see things and look for things that a Lie Detention Machine cannot pick up on.

To Sin Against God is to Misrepresent Him
The Human Body Exhibits Evidence of a Lie

There's no hiding from the Holy Spirit.

John 16:8-10

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **:9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **:10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father...

Some people believe that they can fool others and they can in some cases. But there is One Who is not being fooled.

Num. 32:23

...take note, for you have sinned against the LORD;
and be sure your sin will **find you out**.

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LIE IS TOLD ?

3b.) We sin against others

To Sin Against Others is to Misrepresent Them

we send them off with “falsehood” in their hearts and minds.

Imagine giving someone the wrong directions –
intentionally !

That’s why cults are so damaging and destructive.

1Tim. 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy,

Col. 3:8-9

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. :9 **Do not lie to one another**, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

When a person is lied to

A very damaging thing takes place inside of the victim. They unknowingly tend to trust what was said to them. When it is found out that they were lied to – there is an emotional-spiritual scar that is scrapped across their “faith-factor”.

It hardens their heart to the ability to trust again until they refuse to trust anyone. It's at that point that your lies may have caused them to not even trust God.

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LIE IS TOLD ?

3c.) We sin against ourselves

To Sin Against Ourselves is to Represent Our self

we offend them. We misled them. We separate friendships.
We cause them to sin.

Gal. 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. :8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Rev. 22:14-15

Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. :15 But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

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4.) When is it ever right to not tell the truth ?

Exodus 23:1

"You shall not bear a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a malicious witness."

Exodus 23:7

"Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent or the righteous, for I will not acquit the guilty."

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WHEN IS IT EVER RIGHT TO NOT TELL THE TRUTH

4a.) To defend life

1Tim. 5:8

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

IN THE EVENT OF SAVING LIFE.

DEFENDING LIFE. PROTECTING LIFE.

An Attacker / A Rapist / An Invader / An Enemy / An Interrogator

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WHEN IS IT EVER RIGHT TO NOT TELL THE TRUTH

4b.) To uphold righteousness

Josh. 2:1-6

Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." ¶ So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. :2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country." :3 So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country." :4 Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from." :5 And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them." :6 (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.)

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