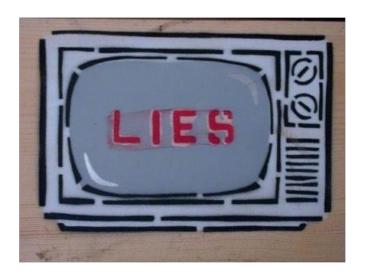
## The Lies of This World



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In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

--Psalm 120

Your rich men are full of violence; your inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

--Micah 6

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. --Matthew 13

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
--2 Corinthians 11

It seems as though we are awash in lies, whether it be from fake news, or lying politicians. It seems to be all around us! The TV deceives us. Scientists deceive us. Riches deceive us. False teachers and false prophets deceive us. Satan deceives us.

If we accept all this deception, we will be strayed away from the narrow path of truth. Our only hope to discern truth from the sea of lies comes from Jesus. If we stay in Him, and allow His Spirit to guide us, we can avoid the catastrophic consequences of believing all these lies.

## Day 20 Prayer

Father, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. Deliver me from lying lips and deceitful tongues! Help me to avoid the snares the enemy places in my way to get me off the path of truth. Help me to stay close to You and discern your truth from the lies of this world.

Lord, please help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Forgive me please, if I have followed after riches instead of You. Forgive me if I have followed after liars and false teachers. Forgive me if I have given my attention to the television rather than You. Please forgive any way I have sinned against You, and help me to see how I have wronged you, so I can stop.

Father, help me to get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Help me to reach others today with your truth. Help me to be prepared at any moment to go when you say to go, and to speak when you say to speak.

Lord, help me to take up the shield of faith. Let my actions be faithful to you today. Let my thoughts incline toward your mercy and your power and your righteousness and your lovingkindness, for you are worthy.

Lord, please help me to put on the helmet of salvation. It is your salvation that gives me a chance to survive in this world gone crazy. It is your great gift that gives me hope during dark times. You showed the uttermost of love when you went to cross for us. Help me to give my uttermost today in gratitude for all you have done.

Father, help me to take us the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Your word is the nemesis of the lies of the world. It cuts through them, nullifies them, makes them of no account. Help me to understand and take in your word today. May your word dwell within me richly.