

# THE SATANIC ATTACK OF LYING

*Scripture Reading:*

***Acts 5:1-11***

# REVIEW

- Satanic attack of cowardice:
  - *All fear is not bad*
  - *Fear of God (reverential respect) is good; it is the beginning of wisdom -*  
*Prov 1:7*
    - Wisdom is an absolute conviction of the reality and value of ALL that God has revealed in His Word, then accurately applied to your present situation

# REVIEW (cont.)

## ■ Satanic attack of cowardice:

- *Fear caused by Satan is bad. This fear always relates to the area of spiritual things.*
  - Peter was caused to fear death because of his relationship to Christ
    - *Lk 22:31-32*
  - Paul was caused of fear additional persecution
    - *Acts 17:18-20; 18:1-5, 9-10*
    - *I Cor 1:1-5*
  - Timothy was caused to fear using his spiritual gift of evangelist because of Paul's suffering and imprisonment
    - *II Tim 1:6-8*

# INTRODUCTION

The Satanic attack of cowardice in spiritual things can lead to the Satanic attack to lie.

# Satan, the Father of THE Lie

John 8:44

- He did not stand in THE Truth (God is unique)
  - *Isa 46:9, 14:4*
  - *“...no truth is in him...” (the devil)*
- He speaks THE lie
  - *Jn 8:44*
- He is a liar: “you can be like God” = independence
- “... he is the father of it..” THE lie
  - *Gen 3:4; Rom 1:25*

# Two Biblical Examples of the Satanic Temptation to Lie

- Peter's denial of the Lord - Lk 22:31-34; Jn 18:15-17, 25-27
  - *Three ways to deny:*
    - *To truthfully deny a question* - Lk 8:45
    - *To willfully not accept God's revealed will to refuse God's will for our lives*
      - *Unbeliever's denial (refusal)*
        - I Jn 2:22-23; II Pet 2:1
      - *Believer's denial (refusal of God's will for our lives)*
        - II Tim 2:12-13
    - *To deny previously known and accepted truth*
      - *Jn 13:38 (cf the apostle John - Jn 1:20)*

# Two Biblical Examples of the Satanic Temptation to Lie

- Ananias and Saphira were tempted to lie by Satan, because of pride
  - *Acts 5:1-9*
  - *Satan filled their hearts to lie to the Holy Spirit (vs 3, 9)*

- The source of the temptation to lie (or act independently from God, be disappointed, discouraged, doubt, be bitter, and act cowardly in spiritual things) come from Satan, NOT the sin nature. Therefore, God's supplied defense will be different for each enemy.
  - \_ *Defense against the sin nature: correctly putting on the New Man (Rom 6:11; Col 3:5,8)*
  - \_ *Defense against Satanic thought-darts: correctly putting on the Armor from God (Eph 6:12-18)*

## CONCLUSION