

YAHSHUA Is Everywhere Truth Is
(Isaiah 59: 14-16)

When truth is absent from one's life, unrighteousness springs up. In the course of time it will bear fruit that will lead to destruction. The habit of speaking lies comes from the devil who is its father. YAHSHUA said that the devil is the father of all lies. He is the author of lies and when we fall into the habit of lying, we are serving him. Because we are people pleasers, often we lie and compromise the truth to keep our friends. Sometimes we lie not to hurt someone, or we lie to hide something, and sometimes to protect ourselves and our reputation. Hard as it might be to live in truth, it is our duty before God and everyone else to be honest and truthful. Truth is the key to true freedom of the mind. It sets it free from guilt, and remorse. It is like opening the door of prison and letting prisoners free. Speaking the truth is in some cases releasing hidden sin lodged in the heart for many years.

We live in a world where truth is not applauded. It is often rejected for the sake of life style. What is right is wrong and what is wrong is right in their eyes. They have mapped their way to destruction. The Author of Truth stood alone and fought for it by giving up His own life, so that those who would accept Him would be free and free indeed! When we accept YAHSHUA, truth is planted in our soul to open our spiritual eyes to see Him. But when we lie we grieve His Holy Spirit Who is the Spirit of Truth sent from above to live within us. Without Him we cannot live a holy life. We are blessed by His presence. And when we intervene for truth we uphold righteousness and we please God.

When the light of truth shines in our soul, we are convicted of our sins; if we repent we are forgiven and set free, for truth guides us out of guilt to confession and repentance. Speaking truth with one another elevates the soul closer to God. Malachi 3:16-17 says, Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who revered and worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name; and they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize and openly declare them to be My jewels. And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him. We must talk to one another in harmony of truth, for our God hears all we say, even before we say a word, He is aware of it. The seed of truth must be cultivated in our heart to sprout forth honesty and righteousness in our actions and words.

Truth perfectly harmonizes with justice and righteousness, as lies with injustice and unrighteousness. We either exalt truth or dishonor it with our lips and actions; when we exalt truth, lies are dishonored, and Satan is defeated. We are then serving the Lord and reflecting His light of truth in this dark world. The world will not accept the light of truth because their deeds are evil; persecution will follow to rid of truth. But our Lord YAHSHUA said told us to be courageous and strong, for He also suffered and was victorious. In Him we will be victorious. The apostle Paul advised us to tighten our loins with the belt of truth. We must gird the body with truth to be overcomers against the spirit of lies. Truth and honesty walk hand in hand; they free and bless us with peace. Paul said, Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for

what is honest and proper and noble in the sight of everyone ; if possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone (Rom. 12:17-18).

Justice is turned away backward and **righteousness** stands far off; **truth** has fallen in the street and **uprightness** cannot enter [the court of justice]. Yes truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the Lord saw it and it displeased Him that there was no justice (Isaiah 59:14-15). These verses describe the worldly morality of today. It has exchanged the truth of God for lies. It is permeated with unrighteousness, for the truth of God has been rejected. The world is blind to truth, because it chose to be in bondage to the father of lies. Satan has guided the blind to the pit of destruction and confusion. YAHSHUA however continues to offer everyone the truth in order to be set free. God tells us to depart from evil, for it is understanding. But the world says, If you depart from evil, you will become a prey.

By **mercy** and **love**, **truth** and **fidelity**, iniquity is purged out of the heart and by reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord men depart from and avoid evil (Prov. 16:6). The wonderful power of the blood of YAHSHUA will set men free to love Him and change his heart. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom and truth will keep him from evil. Paul emphatically said, Let me be clear, the Anointed One has set us free; not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of the past (Gal. 5:1); the bondage that held us prisoner to lies, makes us servants of lies. YAHSHUA has set us completely free through truth. Going back to our old way of living unholy life, hinders us from receiving our liberty in Christ. We were called to freedom in Christ (Gal. 5:13). We are no longer in bondage and debtors to serve the father of lies – the devil. The old is gone, the new has come! There is now no more condemnation for those who have accepted and believed the truth and walk in truth. We are in route to the Promised Land and we must rid of any weight that is unnecessary; beginning with riddance of lies. Be it through words or behavior. We cannot serve two masters, YAHSHUA said. For either we will hate one and love the other or we will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. We cannot serve God and mammon (riches, money possessions) (Matt. 6:24).

If the Holy Spirit is in us, truth should be in us also. We should not be doubled minded and side with the devil in speaking lies. We know the truth and we are set free. But while in this corrupt body we will often be tempted to fall into the trap of not telling or living the truth as we see in the life of Peter. Paul gives us a summary of his hypocritical behavior. He said, But when Peter visited Antioch, he began to mislead the believers and caused them to stumble over his behavior, so I had to confront him to his face over what he was doing. He enjoyed being with the non-Jewish believers who didn't keep the Jewish customs, eating his meals with them – up until the time the Jewish friends of James arrived from Jerusalem. When he saw them, he withdrew from his non-Jewish friends and separated himself from them, acting like an orthodox Jew-fearing how it would look to them if he ate with the non-Jewish believers (Gal. 2:11-12). Sadly there are more believers like Peter than Paul. We are afraid to hurt someone and easily accommodate ourselves to a life of hypocrisy, disregarding the darkness we walked in. It is no wonder our prayers are not answered and we are not experiencing the manifestation of God's Holy Spirit.

Let's live an honest life before God and man, so we do not have to accommodate lies in our daily living. For our old identity has been crucified with our Messiah; He is the King the Master of our life. He is worthy of a pure and holy sanctuary. Whatever we say and do, let it be for His glory.