Found To Be Liars

Intro: This is admittedly unusual but certainly worthy of our consideration. What lessons does this subject hold for us.

1. The state of the liar is vividly set forth in God’s word.
   a. It is among the things God hates; Pro. 6:16-19 “These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”
   b. Pro. 19:22 “The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.”
      i. Solomon is making a human comparison that the poor man does not fare well in this world, but the liar fares even worse than the poor.
      ii. In the New Testament, God shows where the liar will spend eternity, which again is better than the poor man.
   c. John 8:44 “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
      i. All lies have their origin in the Devil.
      ii. When we tell lies, then we are of our father the Devil rather than our Father in heaven.
      iii. The Devil’s end will be our end.
   d. Rev. 21:8, 27 “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death…. 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”
   e. Rev. 22:15 “For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”
2. Let us notice some who are found to be liars by God.
   a. We often have a limited view of lying.
      i. Isa. 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
      ii. What man might view as lying may not be all that God considers lying, and what God considers lying may not be considered by man to be lying.
      iii. We need to view lying by God’s standard and how He reveals it.
   b. Our lesson shall be based on the first epistle of John the apostle.
      i. Most have the idea that John’s nature was that of love, but his nature was a fiery person (wanted to call down fire from heaven but was restrained by Jesus).
      ii. John reveals to us the liar as viewed by God and their end.
   c. This epistle does not include all who are found to be liars by God, but it will include the majority.
I. THOSE WHO REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THE GUILT OF SIN.

A. 1 John 1:8-10 “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

1. Those who deny they have sinned and do sin are guilty of two things.
   a. Misrepresenting the truth.
   b. Making God a liar.
      (1) The emphasis of the Scripture is, “Let God be true and every man a liar” (Rom. 3:4 “God forbid: yes, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”).
      (2) They make God a liar because they misrepresent the truth.

2. How can one make God a liar?
   a. The Lord says man even at his best sins.
   b. 1 Kings. 8:46 “If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;”
   c. Ecc. 7:20 “For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.”
   d. Rom. 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
   e. Gal. 3:22 “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”
      (1) The Scriptures origin is God.
      (2) 1 Tim. 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”
   f. Jam. 3:2 “For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.”
   g. 1 John 1:8-10 “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

3. There are some who deny sin, thus the need to emphasize this.
   a. Some in the religious world teach a second work of grace so we do not sin.
   b. Some in the world deny sin.

B. WHY DOES THE LORD DESIRE OUR RECOGNITION OF SIN?

1. Only then does man feel a need for the grace of God and the need of a Savior.
   a. Eze. 18:4, 20 “Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die… 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”
   b. Rom. 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
   c. Jam. 1:15 “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”
d. That death is separation from God; Isa. 59:1-2 “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ‘But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

e. One sin causes that separation.

2. John is writing to Christians.
   a. 1 John 1:7 “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”
   b. The Christians attitude toward sin:
      (1) 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
         (a) Confess is present tense, which indicates continuous action.
         (b) The Christian continues to realize that his salvation is by the Lord and not by his own works of righteousness or commandment keeping; cf. Luke 17:10 “So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.”
            (i) The person who comes on Sunday morning but refuses to come other times; “the Lord commanded Sunday morning.”
            (ii) “The Lord requires this of me and if I want to go to heaven I must do this.”
         (c) This is a way of life, recognizing that we are sinners, and are not saved by any merit on our part.
         (d) We must do everything within our power to do right.
         (e) Confess means to have a word together with God; God saying that there is nothing you can do to save yourself (your a sinner at best, unprofitable, worthless), only by God’s grace and love can we be saved.
      (2) 1 John 2:1-2 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

3. Do you not, my friend, recognize your sinful condition? Will you not then come to Christ your Savior?

II. HE THAT BELIEVES NOT ON THE SON OF GOD.
   A. 1 John 5:10 “He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.”
   B. He is found to be a liar because God has openly declared (gave record or witness) Jesus to be His Son.
      1. Mat. 3:17 “And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
         a. John did not want to baptize Jesus.
            (1) John’s baptism was for the remission of sins; Mark 1:4 “John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.”
            (2) John knew that Jesus had no sin.
b. Jesus said to allow it in order to fulfill all righteousness (the keeping of God’s commands).
c. God gives His approval of this act in this verse, and a witness of Jesus being His Son.

2. Later He added the instruction to hear His Son; Mat. 17:5 “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”

3. The miracles performed by Jesus were attesting to Jesus being God’s Son.
   a. John 3:2 “The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”
   b. John 20:30-31 “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

4. Heb. 2:1-4 “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. 2For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; 3How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”
   a. The apostles gave confirmation to Jesus and the fact that He is the Son of God.
   b. God bearing the apostles witness, thus attesting that Jesus is His Son.

5. The resurrection was the greatest witness that Jesus is God’s Son.
   a. Acts 17:31 “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”
      (1) God has given assurance of:
         (a) A second coming
         (b) A day of judgment
         (c) Eternal hell for those who reject God’s Word
         (d) Eternal heaven for those obedient to God’s Word
      (2) Even secular history attests to the resurrection.
   b. Rom. 1:4 “And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:”

6. God has declared Jesus to be His Son, the man who will not believe that witness God says is a liar.

7. Do you truly believe Jesus is the Son of God?

C. In the Scriptures belief embraces obedience to all the commands God has given.

III. HE THAT DENIETH JESUS IS THE CHRIST.

A. 1 John 2:22 “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”

B. To appreciate this statement, we must understand the meaning of Christ.
   1. Christ comes from the Greek word Χριστός (christos) meaning “anointed one.”
      a. In the Old Testament three offices were anointed ones: priest, prophets, and kings.
b. Jesus is the one who is anointed as priest, prophet, and king.

2. Both Thayer and Young say of its usage here that it denotes His kingly authority.
   a. Those who deny Christ's kingdom and His kingship are in this classification.
   b. Premillennialist deny that Christ is now reigning as king.

   (1) Acts 2:
      (a) Peter preaches the first Gospel sermon in the name of the resurrected Christ.
      (b) He has now ascended back to the Father.
      (i) When he goes to the Father he would receive a kingdom; Dan. 7:13-14 “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”
      (ii) Premillennialist teach that when he returns from the Father he will receive His kingdom.

   (2) Acts 2:29-36 “Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

IV. THOSE CLAIMING TO KNOW HIM BUT KEEP NOT HIS COMMANDMENTS.
   A. 1 John 2:3-4 “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

   B. The significance of knowing God:
      1. It is eternal life; John 17:3 “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”
      2. 2 The. 1:6-9 “Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

   C. Immediately we see the importance of “commandment keeping.”
      1. We must study the Scriptures to see what the commands of God are.
      2. Then we must obey those commands found in God’s Word to possess eternal life.
      3. If we claim to have this life and do not obey the commands then God says we are liars.
D. **The same idea is expressed in 1 John 1:6** “If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:”
   1. Here is a person who claims to have fellowship, to be at one with God, and claims to have God’s blessings in his life.
   2. Yet, this person does not walk in the light, keep God’s commands, then he is a liar.

V. **HE WHO CLAIMS TO LOVE GOD BUT HATES HIS BROTHER.**

A. **1 John 4:20** “If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?”

B. **The importance of loving one’s brother is emphasized in numerous Scriptures.**
   1. John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”
   2. John 15:12 “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.”
   3. 1 Pet. 1:22; 2:17  “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:… 2:17Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.”
   4. 1 John 5:1 “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.”

C. **But our text speaks of hating one’s brother. Would anyone hate his brother? Could you believe such possible of you?**
   1. Hate is from the Greek word μισέω (miseo) which is sometimes translated to love less, but here used in contrast to love ἀγαπάω (agapao).
   2. Love is from ἀγαπάω (agapao).
      a. This is a love that is conjoined with service to that one who is loved.
      b. Context speaks of love; 1 John 4:8-11 “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”
      c. Consider again verses on love presented earlier.
   3. When we do not serve our brother then we hate our brother.
      a. When we do not answer our brother’s physical needs we hate.
         (1) Mat. 25:31-46 “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 35And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”
Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 

I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

(2) Jam. 2:15-16 “If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?”

b. When we do not answer our brother’s spiritual needs we hate; Gal. 6:1-2 “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 

Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”

D. If we hate our brothers whom we have seen, then we cannot love God whom we have not seen.

Conclusion: The man who speaks the truth is that man who recognizes that even at best in his life he is a sinner thus separating him from God making a need for a Savior on his part and that that Savior is Jesus Christ the Son of God. Then he must have a belief on Jesus as God’s Son and that He is the Christ. With that belief of Jesus as the Christ, love his brethren and be obedient to the commands of Christ to have eternal life.