



**The Truth About Lying To Yourself In a Political Season
(When Your Faith Lies to You)**

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Series Review:

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(Proverbs 21:2, NIV) A person may think their own ways are right, but the LORD weighs the heart.

Big Question: What makes you vulnerable to a lie?

Side Question: What makes you vulnerable to lies in life, voting and politics?

Personal Answer: Our desire to believe something or a great cause can blind us to truth. This can be especially true when you label yourself by a particular party. (I am a _____); therefore, (I must believe _____). Anyone who (is a _____) must be supported no matter what. This kind of thinking **blinds us and enslaves us to others.**

Sneak Peek at the End: Three Closing Questions For Us To Think About

1. Why do you believe politicians over what you personally see in front of you?
2. Why do you allow the media to be your new Bible? (*I value the media but they cannot pastor me.*)
3. Why do you fight your brothers over people you do not personally know?

Note: Once there was a difference between news and commentary on the news. Now, news is mainly commentary.

Note: WE ARE NOW GOING TO STEP INTO THE LAND OF PROPHECY and ESCHATOLOGY. EVERYTHING I AM ABOUT TO READ IS ABOUT THE FUTURE COMING OF THE ANTI-CHRIST.

- **Eschatology Defined:** The study of last things or events

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (cp. On your own, in a commentary, read Revelation 13)

**I. Three Things to Watch Out For In The Last Days
(2 Thessalonians 2:9-12, NIV)**

1. Watch out for leaders who are lawless

- 9 The coming of **the lawless one** (beast or anti-christ) will be in accordance with **how Satan works**. He will use all sorts of **displays of power** through **signs and wonders** that serve the lie,

2. Watch out for leaders who do not embrace the truth

- 10 and all the ways that **wickedness deceives those who are perishing**. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.



3. Watch out for leaders who delight in wickedness

- 11 For this reason **God sends them a powerful delusion** so that **they will believe the lie** 12 and so that **all will be condemned who have not believed the truth** but have **delighted in wickedness.**

Question: Have you ever tried to tell someone the truth and they insisted on believing a lie and so you stop trying?

Example: Numbers 22, Balaam the prophet, his donkey, and Balak the king

II. Three Things to Pay Close Attention to End the Last Days (When People Refuse to Embrace the Truth)

1. A person called **the lawless one will come along with power** and deceive many (v9)
2. He will deceive people who **refuse to love the truth** and be saved (10)
3. God is angered with their **refusal to embrace the truth** and lets them believe a lie (v11-12)

III. Six Last Day Signs You Do Not Want To Ignore

1. The Deliverance

- 2 Concerning **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him**, we ask you, brothers and sisters,

2. The Lie (There are people who use prophesy to lie)

- 2 **not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us**—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—**asserting that the day of the Lord has already come.**

3. The Warning (There is a person that will deceive us)

- 3 **Don't let anyone deceive you** in any way, for **that day will not come until** the rebellion occurs and the man of **lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.**

4. The Evidence (The evidence will be self-exaltation)

- 4 **He will oppose and will exalt himself** over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that **he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.** 5 Don't you remember that **when I was with you I used to tell you these things?**

5. The Restraint (God has not allowed this to happen yet, Dictators like Hitler tried)

- 6 And now you know **what is holding him back**, so that he may **be revealed at the proper time.** 7 For **the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.**

6. The Promise (cp. On your own, in a commentary, read Revelation 19)

- 8 And then **the lawless one will be revealed**, whom **the Lord Jesus will overthrow** with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.



IV. Four Facts Sincere People Need To Remember In the Last Days

1. Sincere people can be **deceived**
2. Sincere people can be **blindly influenced** by signs and wonders
3. Sincere people can **slowly forget** what a lie looks and sounds like
4. Sincere people can be **overly influenced** by men

Closing:

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Next Week: How Do We Live With People Who Politically Disagree

Big Point: Do you have a plan to get along with people who disagree with you?

Read Ahead: Hebrews

Hebrews 12:14–15 (NIV): 14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many