

John # 122 “A Good Man, A Liar Or A Deceiver?” *John 7:8-13, John 10:1-7, 9; Revelation 19:12-21*

If Jesus lied to His brothers about going to the festival, He cannot be the Messiah, and the Bible can not be God’s infallible Word.

While it’s true that some manuscripts omit the first ‘yet’ in John 7:8, still many have it and even without it,

we must rely on context for the meaning here.

The Lord Jesus didn’t lie to His half-brothers; He simply indicated to them that if He went to the Festival, it would be in God’s perfect timing, not theirs and don’t you think He knew they’d see Him there if He went later with crowds always gathered around Him?

The Lord Jesus said He was the entry point or gate to the plan of God in John 10:1-7.

An open gate represents opportunity, spiritually speaking; grace opportunity, God-given opportunity, an opportunity related to having real meaning and purpose in our lives, an opportunity that results in sharing God’s happiness and blessing for all who fulfill the experiential plan of God.

The open gate of salvation is “Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life,” and it’s not exclusive to any particular race of people.

The fact that God’s powerful plan is available to us is the greatest opportunity for historical impact that individual believers have ever had in any era of history.

In His matchless grace, God provided 7 great signs to the Jews as a warning that they would suffer under the 5th phase or cycle of His gracious discipline:

The 5th phase or cycle of divine discipline means total national disaster whereby the people are removed from their geographical location and brought into slavery as they are scattered throughout the earth; a.k.a. ‘The Diaspora’ or dispersion.

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4. The two deaths of Jesus on the cross Isa 53:9.

5. The resurrection of the Lord, mentioned as a sign

in Isa 2:13; 53:10.

6. Forty years of miraculous, supernatural evangelism.

7. The warning of the destruction of Jerusalem

in Luke 21:20-24.

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To the mature Christian, man's beloved foundation of his wealth, his intellect and his power are profoundly insecure but God's foundation, His Rock-solid foundation, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One is forever secure!

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Our Lord's half brothers are trying to convince Him that He needs to do something for them to make them happy and therefore, fulfill their dreams.

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This type of fulfillment is only achieved by consistent intake of biblical truth resulting in the heart of the believer being filled with the fullness of God.

The inner happiness of God in the mature believer's soul produces capacity for divine viewpoint in life. Philippians 2:1-4 “Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Love is a mental attitude of the soul.

1st Cor. 13:4-5 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”

Mental attitude sins produce only self-induced misery. **Proverbs 15:13** “A happy heart makes the face cheerful but heartache crushes the spirit.”

1st Timothy 1:15 “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I AM the worst.”

But wasn't Paul highly religious and formally educated as a Pharisee, therefore a most respected teacher?

Human viewpoint brilliance does not like the humiliation of divine viewpoint, not even a little.

The Lord Jesus always makes an issue of divine good versus human good.

Human good production from human viewpoint thinking is useless because it never permanently solves anything; it's worthless filthy rags and therefore spoiled with a putrid stench to God.

Only that which propitiates or satisfies the Father commends a person to Him.