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To Jimmy McGee on the loss of his sister.

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**Scripture Reading Plan for October 2020**

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**Questions:**

1. How long was a Hebrew servant to serve?

2. List the negative laws and tell why they are not to be done. Do not…… Because

3. What were the three feasts and what laws pertained to them?

4. What did Moses do with what God had said?

5. Who was Moses to receive offerings from?

6. What material was the 10 curtains made of?

7. What was the size of the altar?

8. What were the priestly garments?

9. What animals were to be used in the consecration?

10. What was the size of the altar of incense?

11. Who was Bezalel?

12. What did the people say about Moses?

13. What did the Israelites strip off at Mt. Horeb?

14. How were the two stones broken by Moses to be replaced?

15. What was not to be lighted on the Sabbath?

16. When did the people bring offerings for the construction of the tabernacle?

17. Can you give the dimensions of the ark?

18. What metal was used to over lay the altar of burnt offering?

19. Whose names were engraved on the twelve stones on the breastplate?

20. What did Moses put above the ark that held the testimony when the tabernacle was erected?

# There Is Evil in Our Land

If America would understand the importance of studying the Old Testament, our world would drastically change and head in a new direction. Why do we have that old covenant when we live under the new one? Listen to what God says. “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” ([**Rom. 15:4**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom.%2015.4)).  We are a sick nation because we have not paid attention to those things written before.

There is evil in our land as there was evil in the land of Noah. When godly people became intertwined with the ungodly, our holy God responded. “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart” ([**Gen. 6:5-6**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%206.5-6)). At one time, we at least said that we wanted to be “one nation under God,” but now we have become a nation which longs to be “one nation *out from under God.*” How much longer will it be before God is sorry that He ever made America?

What things were written before? Read those verses from Genesis again and understand they were for our learning!

How do these words from Micah describe our land? “Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it” ([**Micah 2:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Micah%202.1)). They cunningly devise their plans and then carry them out as soon as the morning light comes. How good are they at it? “They do evil … successfully with both hands” ([**Micah 7:3**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Micah%207.3)). We are truly a land filled with ambidextrous people!

Once a nation starts down the road of evil it becomes more and more corrupt. Paul described it this way, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” ([**2 Tim. 3:13**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Tim.%203.13)). Jeremiah’s words are so graphic: “And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. For they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me” ([**Jer. 9:3**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jer.%209.3)).

We hear that the economy is booming, and while that may be true, there is something far more important. Our land has become a place where “evil is booming.” Will we never learn? Is there no hope? The hope for us is found in the opening words of this article. Those things written before were written for our learning!

How do we respond to all of this evil? What values must we place in our homes? It’s very simple. We must not follow the multitude to do evil ([**Ex. 23:2**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exod.%2023.2)). We must not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good ([**Rom. 12:21**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom.%2012.21)**). – Dan Jenkins**

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# The Sin of Lying

Of all the sins that man may commit, lying is perhaps the most destructive. Lies, per se, aren’t all that harmful; they’re just words, but their consequences are destructive. When people base their decisions on lies, they make bad choices which ends up destroying their and other’s lives. Moreover, lies conceal the truth, which may lead to injustice for both the guilty and innocent.

The sin of lying contradicts the very character of God. The Bible teaches that God cannot lie (Titus 1:3, Hebrews 6:18); it is against His very nature to advance that which is false. However, Jesus says that Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). Hence, to lie is to choose not to be like God and to imitate the character of Satan and Proverbs 6:19 says lying is among the things that God hates. It is no wonder that one of the ten commandments is, Thou shalt not bear false witness (Exodus 20:16).

The Bible acknowledges different categories of lies, but never once teaches that any lie is less significantly damning than another. The little white lie is equally condemning as perjury, though, the consequences may not be entirely the same. John writes in Revelation 21:8 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. John certainly didn’t discriminate on what kind of liars would be lost; he simply said, all liars.

Christians must be people who speak truth. Ephesians 4:25 says, Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. The context of Ephesians four tells us that speaking truth is part of what it means to be a new creation in Christ; it is at the heart of being a Christian. Colossians 3:9 parallels Ephesians;  Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.

For the Christian who is striving to follow Jesus’ teaching, it is a simple matter of observing Jesus’ teaching on this subject. In Matthew 5:37 Jesus said, But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. James echoes Jesus comments in James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. The Jewish people had turned oath taking into another way of lying. Such was forbidden by Jesus and by implication, lying as well.

Sometimes it is hard to tell the truth. People don’t always want to hear it because it exposes the darkness in their lives and people love darkness better than light (John 3:19). As Christians, however, we are obliged to tell the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) and we speak truth because we do love (1 Corinthians 13:6). Let us do so and be people who love truth regardless the consequences of speaking it and let us never be involved in the sin of lying. (author unknown)