**Ten Lies Satan Loves To Tell (9)**

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**LIE 8: YOU CAN AND MUST SAVE YOURSELF**

Satan likes to convince us that there is no God. He wants us to believe that we can’t trust God’s Word, which is to say that the Bible isn’t true or accurate. If we believe this lie, then the idea that we need to be saved is entirely irrelevant, or so we think. Regardless of what we think, there *is* a God, and death will come for us sooner or later.

As we know, the Bible is the *inspired* (literally ‘God-breathed’), *inerrant* (contains no errors), and *infallible* (incapable of erring) Word of God. God’s Word is truth, and His Word teaches that we *do* need to be saved from sin, death, the devil, and hell. The question, then, is who needs to do the “saving?”

The devil wants us to buy into the lie that we can (and must!) save ourselves. Underneath this lie is lie #1 that we can’t trust God. If we can’t trust God, then we can’t depend on Him to save us. It’s up to us to save ourselves! Satan then leads us in one of two directions. The first is pride, boasting in our accomplishments and achievements. We wrongly think that we can save ourselves because we do everything so well! The second direction is despair, which occurs when we realize that we *don’t* do everything well at all!

Both directions, pride and despair, result in the same thing – destruction. Pride says, “I don’t need God because I can take care myself!” Despair says, “God can’t help me; I’m too lost and my sins are too great for Him to save me.” In this sense, despair is really just another kind of pride. Both pride and despair lead to us being miserable, isolated, and quite possibly, eternally lost.

Thankfully, God’s Word is true and it isn’t up to us to save ourselves. We can’t possibly save ourselves from sin, death, the devil, and hell, but we know who can! God sent His Son into the world for this exact purpose (John 3:16, etc.). Jesus says it so well in John 6: *“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.**And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.* *For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:38-40).*

We *can’t* and we *mustn’t* save ourselves! We leave that up to Jesus, who *has* saved us, *is* saving us, and *will* save us when He raises us on the Last Day!

Prayer: Lord God, we know that we can’t save ourselves. Protect us from being deceived by the devil and ourselves as we trust in the salvation won for us by Your Son. Amen.