

A Faithful Witness

Intro: The basis for our study is Proverbs 14:5: “*A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.*” Let us consider some things regarding a “faithful witness.”

I. WILL NOT LIE

A. God is a God of truth.

1. Deu. 32:4 “*He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*”
2. Psa. 31:5 “*Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.*”
3. Isa. 65:16 “*That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.*”
4. John 8:26 “*I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.*”
5. He cannot lie;
 - a. Tit. 1:2 “*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*”
 - b. Heb. 6:17-20 “*Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: ¹⁸That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: ¹⁹Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; ²⁰Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*”

B. Lies are of Satan; 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.*”

C. A “false witness” speaks lies.

II. JESUS IS A FAITHFUL WITNESS

A. A witness is one who bears testimony of another.

B. Jesus is a faithful witness.

1. Heb. 1:3 “*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*”
2. Rev. 1:5 “*And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood;*”

C. Thus, by seeing Christ, we are seeing the Father.

1. John 14:9 “*Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*”
2. Mat. 11:27 “*All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*”
3. John 1:18 “*No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*”

D. Jesus was faithful or true in revealing God’s nature.

1. John 4:34 “*Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*”
2. John 5:19, 30 “*Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also*

doeth the Son likewise....³⁰ I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”

3. John 6:38 ³⁸For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”
4. John 8:28 ²⁸Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.”
5. John 12:48-50 ⁴⁸He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”

III. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL

A. We are not witnesses of Christ, only the apostles were.

1. Acts 1:22 ²²Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.”
2. Acts 2:32 ³²This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we [apostles] all are witnesses.”
3. Acts 10:39, 41 ³⁹And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: ⁴⁰Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; ⁴¹Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.”
4. Acts 13:31 ³¹And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.”

B. However, we can be faithful in our representing God, and the Scriptures.

1. We must preach the Gospel without any alteration.
 - a. The Great Commission.
 - b. Gal. 1:6-9 ⁶I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: ⁷Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”
2. We must live the Gospel as the Scriptures state.
 - a. Mat. 5:13-16 ¹³Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. ¹⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
 - b. Phi. 2:15 ¹⁵That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;”
 - c. Tit. 2:10 ¹⁰Not purloining [pilfering—NKJV; embezzle, keep back something that belongs to another], but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.”

Conclusion: Are you representing God and His Word properly in what you say and in how you are living? If not, make the needed correction.