

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE

The Book of Hebrews declares FOUR IMPOSSIBILITIES associated with the plan of God that every believer should understand.

- **It is IMPOSSIBLE to renew believers to spiritual growth maturity while in reversionism (6:4-6).**
- **It is IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie about His promises (6:17-19).**
- **It is IMPOSSIBLE for animal sacrifices to take away man's sins (10:1-3).**
- **It is IMPOSSIBLE for believers to please God apart from the faith cycle (11:5-6).**

Last week we studied the first IMPOSSIBILITY recorded in Heb.6:4-6.

The next three weeks we will study the other three IMPOSSIBILITIES recorded in the Book of Hebrews.

**This lesson will study SIX aspects of the doctrinal principle that
"It is IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie about His promises."**

Think about how important this doctrinal principle is to the following passages: Eph.2: 8-9; John 10:28; Gal.5: 16; 2 Cor.5: 6-8; 1 John 5:14-15; and Phil.4: 6-7, 19.

1. It is IMPOSSIBLE for to lie because it would be incompatible with His essence known as VERACITY (Matt.28: 19; 1 Cor.12: 4-6; Eph.4: 4-6).

Omnipresence (Acts 17:27-28)
Omnipotence (Jer.32: 17)
Omniscience (1 John 3:20)
Immutable (Heb.13: 8)
Veracity (Heb.6: 18)

Sovereignty (1 Tim.6: 15)
Righteousness (Rom.3: 22)
Eternal life (1 Tim.1: 17)
Love (1 John 4:8-9)
Holiness (Rev.15: 11)

Veracity means that God is absolute TRUTH – “In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us.” (Heb.6:18)

2. The incarnation of Jesus Christ (Merry Christmas) is the revealed TRUTH of God (Heb.13:8).

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me.” (John 14:6)

“And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ who Thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

“You say correctly that I am a king, and for this reason I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” (John 18:37)

3. God is the only true God and as such cannot lie. “Let God be found true though every man be found a liar.” (Rom.3:4) (Num.23:19)

“To say that God is true is to say, in the most comprehensive sense, that He is consistent with Himself, that He is all that He should be, that He has revealed Himself as He really is, and that He and His revelation are completely reliable.” (Basic Theology by Ryrie, pg.49)

“For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.” (1 Thess.1:9)

“He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens.” (Rev.3:7) (Rev.15:3; 16:7)

“God is true because He really is what He declares Himself to be, and because He is what He commands us to believe Him to be, and because all His declarations correspond to what really is.” (Systematic Theology by Hodge, pg.162)

4. The writer of Hebrews said that there were two unchangeable things that were based on the veracity of God (Heb.6: 17-19).

“God’s promise, which in itself is absolutely trustworthy, and God’s oath confirming that promise.” (NIV, pg.Heb.6: 18)

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:17)

It is interesting how the writer of Hebrews connected God immutability and veracity with His word (Heb.6: 17-19).

God’s faithfulness backs up the truth of God’s word – “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”(Heb.10: 23)

5. God’s word is the believer’s standard of absolute truth and the knowledge between what is right and wrong.

“Teach me thy ways, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth; unite my heart in Thy truth.” (Ps.86:11)

“In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago.” (Titus 1:2)

“We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” (1 John 4:6)

What God promises, God will do (1 Thess.2: 13).

6. Satan is called the father of lies (cosmos diabolicus) (John 8:44-45).

It stands in opposition to the truth of God’s word (Matt.16: 21-23).

Satan suppresses the truth of God (Rom.1: 18; 2 Cor.4: 2-4).

God’s truth exposes cosmos diabolicus (1 John 3:7-10; 4:1-6; 5:4-7).