

God Who Never Lies

Scripture Reading: Numbers 23:16-24

How many times in a day do you lie to your parents, teachers and friends? A few will speak lies at all times. Every time they speak they can't help themselves but lie. God hates those who speak lies. It is not the character of God. He does what He says. He always says what He will do. Usually, even people hate those who speak lies; they will refuse to trust and help such people.

I would like to narrate a story that I heard when I was a child. There was a little boy who was a shepherd, taking care of his sheep. One day the boy came running and screaming, "Save me! There's a fox! Save Me! There's a fox!" He cried with a terrified tone and came running towards the village. The people there ran to save him. He saw them and started laughing aloud. The village people then realized that he's made a fool of them and returned back with anger.

After a few days, he repeated the same game and the people were fooled again. One fine day, when the boy was taking care of his sheep, a fox started to attack the flock. The boy ran to the people nearby shouting, "Save me! There's a fox. Save Me! There's a fox". The people who heard him thought that he's trying to deceive them again and never responded.

This time it was true that the fox came, but since none turned up to help, the sheep were killed. The boy with great distress came to the village and explained what had happened.

Yes, dearly beloved, a lie spoken for fun too can bring grievous results. Our God can never lie. He expects and desires us to live like him. Our Yes should be Yes and No should be No. Our life should be established on truth.

Questions:

- 1) How will the people treat those who lie always?
- 2) What's the character of our God?
- 3) What will be the result of speaking lies?