

# A Detestable, Stinking Weed

by Thomas Brooks

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*Lying is a detestable, stinking weed that makes men like devils, and a righteous man hates and abhors it.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:163, Proverbs 6:16-19, Proverbs 12:22, Proverbs 13:5, Zechariah 8:16, John 8:44, Ephesians 4:25, Colossians 3:9, 1 Peter 3:10, Revelation 21:8

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the destructive nature of lying, identifying Satan as the father of lies and the originator of sin. He explains that lying not only reflects the character of the devil but also corrupts those who engage in it, making them resemble him. Brooks asserts that true believers, who fear the Lord, detest lying and strive to distance themselves from it, recognizing it as a vile and detestable sin. He encourages the faithful to abhor lying in themselves and others, highlighting the importance of truth in the life of a righteous person.

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## Transcript

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44

Satan is the father of all sins, as well as the father of lies. By lying, he first brought sin into the world. Satan began his kingdom by a lie, and by lies he still labors to uphold it. He is the inventor and author of all the lies which are in the world. "The devil's breasts," says Luther, "are very fruitful with lies." Liars are the devil's children by imitation. There

are none who resemble him so much to the life, as liars do!  
They are as like him as if they were spit out of the his very  
mouth. Lying is a part of the devil's image. Other sins make  
men like beasts; but this sin of lying makes men like devils.  
Such as truly fear the Lord, they hate lying. Psalm 119:163,  
"I hate and abhor lying." Proverbs 13:5, "A righteous man  
hates lying." Lying is a detestable, stinking weed, and  
therefore a righteous man abhors to touch it, he hates to  
come near it, and can by no means endure the scent of it  
in others--least of all in himself!

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