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Every four years we are faced with selecting a president on the first Tuesday in November. I'm sure that many of you have watched the presidential debates. My views of the debates are that both participants were lying and bending the truth. The web site <http://www.factcheck.org/> informs us how each candidate bent the truth.

When you have the candidates either outright lying or bending the truth, is either one of them a suitable leader? Is either one to be trusted when he is elected to be president? When either of them give a speech, are their comments and remarks to be believed? When it is so easy to check on the facts today, a lying political leader is very easy to catch. In Nixon's time it took a lot of effort to catch the lies. Today, we have access to information that was impossible to have in 1972.

With the ease of finding information today, we need to hold our elected officials accountable for the lies that they tell. The news media only wants to tell us about the evils of the candidate that they are not supporting. Also, the current news media is not very trustworthy about reporting the news. They pick a sound bite that supports the station's political position. This is not the news reporting of Walter Cronkite and when there were competing newspapers. Today, most cities only have one newspaper, and the network broadcast media tells the same message.

With all of this massive disinformation, what is a Christian to do? I feel that it is our own responsibility to dig out the information and deduce the truth. This may take a little work, but in the end, we will be better off.

Lying politicians are nothing new. Jesus Christ had to fight against the lying politicians in his day.

Matthew 23:13-39

13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and

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swallow a camel.

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Here we see the Lord in a struggle with the lawyers and political leaders of his day. The born-again Christian needs to stand up to the lying politicians just like our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ did approximately 2000 years ago. We need to tell them what they really are. We need to tell them that there is a very hot and burning hell awaiting those who insist upon living a life of sin.

The Bible tells us that Satan is the father of all liars!

John 8:44

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.**

So, with both political candidates who are running for president lying to us, we need to realize that they are both the children of Satan and neither one is a true believer in the Scripture. If either one was a true believer in God, they would insist upon telling the truth no matter what the damage.

Both George Bush and John Kerry need to repent and seek the Lord with all of their heart. They both need our prayers that the Lord will

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humble them so they will begin to seek the Lord.

Now with the upcoming election, how are we to vote when both candidates from the major parties are lying to us? All I can say is to seek the Lord with all of your heart and ask him what you should do.

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