

(Sermon Clip) Lying To God In Our Prayers and Being Honest With Sin

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Scripture: Psalm 32:5, Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:9, James 5:16

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Transcript

Excuses, let me not blame. Here's the truth. Here's what we're gonna do.

I'm gonna give you a few minutes to be honest, completely honest, before God. What's the point in lying anyways? But you'd be surprised how often we lie even in our prayers because it's habit. How often we try to make our sin not so bad because we say that to everyone else.

I've been praying that you could come before God this morning and just lay it out with no excuses. Just say, God, here's what I did. This was sinful.

That was sick. That was evil. That was a flat-out lie.

God, I hate this person. That hatred is so wrong. You tell me it's sin, but I hate him.

I just do. I have hatred for this person. And it's against you that I'm sinning because you created that person.

Just lay it out. I've got bitterness toward this person. I've been staring on the internet at these women that you created, these men that you've created.

I'm right on the verge of having an affair. I had an affair. You know about it.

The way I've been treating my kids. I've abused your children. These are your kids.

And I just, I did that to your kid. I sinned against you, God. That was your kid.

Do you understand this? This is, when David says it's against you that I've sinned. Remember when Ananias lied to Peter, the apostle? Ananias and Pharaoh lied to Peter. And Peter goes, you didn't lie to me.

You lied to the Holy Spirit. See, when you come in this room and you lie and you lie to me and go, oh, good sermon. You're not lying to me.

You know? And when you come in this room and you pretend like nothing bad's going on in your life, you're not lying to the person next to you. You're not lying to me. You're lying to God.

It's against God that you're sinning. It's against his children that you're sinning. It's his, it's his son that you hate.

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