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He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *To the Pharisees: "...You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar and the father of lies..." John 8:44*

Satan is the Father of Lies

Satan is given many different names in the Bible such as: the Devil, the Evil One, Lucifer, Ruler of the Kingdom of the Air, The Tempter, Ruler of the World and God of this Age, the Accuser of the Brethren, Dragon, Serpent, Thief, among others. But the one that is likely the most dangerous to the believer is the Father of Lies. In the above verse Jesus says that there is no truth in Satan. To me that means he is incapable of being truthful, so he does what he believes he does best. He lies to us, God's sons and daughters.

But it's not always out-and-out lies. He distorts the truth. He tells half-truths. He tries to get us to believe things about God, and things about ourselves that are the very things that got him kicked out of heaven—prideful things, lustful things. (1 Jn 2:16) He wants us to love the world and the things of the world so he can get his hooks into us. He tried the same tactics with Jesus when the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness. But Jesus defeated those tactics using Scriptures, which is a great example for us.

Satan knows he has been defeated ultimately, but will lie to us in ways to try to make us think he is the one who has overcome, the one who has conquered, the one who is victorious.

In John 10:10a Jesus says the thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. Every lie that Satan tells us is meant to accomplish these three things, whether about ourselves or someone else.

Satan lies to us about who God is, and who He is to us. He will lie about what God has provided to us as His children. He lies to me/you about Jesus' death on the cross and the resurrection from the dead, trying to get us to believe that we are so sinful that salvation could not possibly apply to me/you. Satan will lie to us about our worth, shaming us not about what

we've done, but lying to us about who we are so that he can drive a wedge between us and our Father, creating further shame and isolation.

But we must be vigilant, and allow the apostle Peter's words to encourage us and strengthen our resolve to walk in truth of God, not Satan's lies. "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in our faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 5:8-11

[Responses From You](#)

From a sister in Christ in Australia: Thanks for sharing about your dad. These final times with parents are deep times for reflection.

From a brother in Louisville, KY: Thanks for sharing. Very timely.

From a brother in Lexington, KY: Daniel, having lost my own father to dementia complications 14 years ago, I can certainly relate to your situation on many levels. We cannot fully understand the times our fathers grew up in and the personal battles they fought.

From a frequent responder: Hello Daniel. This is an awesome newsletter as all of them are. Thank you for being so transparent about you and your Father's relationship. It really helped me. My Father and Mother were brought up the same way, through no fault of their own, not knowing how to express love. After my drunk Dad molested me at 15 years old, I kept my distance from him and really shut him out. This was one factor that led to me to not trusting men. I believe this made it even more difficult for me to draw close to my Father, God! Again, thank you for your transparency and be richly blessed.

From another reader Downunder: Hi Daniel, such a heartfelt newsletter. Thank you for reposting. Regards.

From a co-volunteer: AMEN AND AMEN...

And another co-volunteer: I love this and so grateful to learn some of your back-story.

Some responses from Facebook:

"This is beautiful. Thank you for sharing, Daniel."

"I am experiencing this dementia journey with my mom. Today I have really struggled with bitterness toward my father. Not because he didn't love us, but because he was too generous and basically gave all his money to my brother. My mom is now going to be denied Medicaid because they violated the "lookback rule." She has nothing. I have nothing, and no way to pay for the care she needs. I hate this disease, it is the most cruel thing I can fathom."

"Wow. Wow. Wow..... thank-you for this. There is always hope, your story reminds me of this."

[Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, May 28, 2024; Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Overcomers Group: Thursday, June , 2024; Thursday, June 20, 2024

[Ministry Events](#)

Rainbow Revival Freedom March: Chicago, IL...Lincoln Park...October 2024...Details to follow

[Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselors • New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives) • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends • Continued freedom to operate ministry in KY. Continued speaking engagements.

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25