

TRUTH! AN ARMOR

Psalm 85:11 Part 2

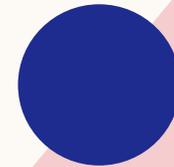
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And *righteousness* shall look down from heaven.

Psalm 85:11 (NKJV)



AGENDA

- Recap of Last Meeting – Sunday 10/23/22
- 12 Scriptural Reasons; “Why Truth?”
- Prayer





12 SCRIPTURAL REASONS

Why Truth?

(1) Proverbs 12:19 (GNT)

¹⁹ A lie has a short life, but truth lives on forever.

- Psalm 100:5 (KJV)

**For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth to all generations.**

- Deut. 4:26 (NIV)

26 I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed.

- Deut. 30:19 (NIV)

19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

- Job 20:27 (NIV)

27 The heavens will expose his guilt; the earth will rise up against him.

(2) Proverbs 12:22 (GNT)

22 The LORD hates liars but is pleased with those who keep their word.

- Proverbs 6:16-17 (NLT)

16 There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue...

- Psalm 85:11 (NLT)

Truth springs up from the earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven.

(3) Truth is the foundation upon which all armors stand.

- Ephesians 6:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with **truth**, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

(4) Knowing the truth is the pathway to freedom

- John 8:32 (KJV)

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

- (i) We are instructed to KNOW the truth.**
- (ii) The Truth makes us FREE.**
- (iii) Choose FREEDOM today.**

(5) We will be trusted and entrusted with much if we demonstrate honesty through truth (speaking and living the truth).

- Luke 16:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.

(6) It is an instruction from the Father, not a suggestion.

- Colossians 3:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.

¹⁰ Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

- Psalm 34:13 (NLT)

¹³ Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!

- Proverbs 24:28 (NLT)

²⁸ Don't testify against your neighbors without cause; don't lie about them.

(7) Telling lies will eventually cost your life! Untimely death.

- Acts 5:3; 5:5 (NIV)

³ Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?”

⁵ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died.

(8) Lies telling affects quality of life.

- 1 Peter 3:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, “If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies.

¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

- Psalm 34:12-13 (NLT)

¹² Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous?

¹³ Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!

(9) As leaders, truth is expected from us, always!

- Proverbs 17:7 (The Message)

⁷ We don't expect eloquence from fools, nor do we expect lies from our leaders.

Note:

- Enjoy the leadership and covering of a truthful leader.**
- Remember to also be a truthful leader. One whom others can truly trust.**

(10) Truth grants us access into God's presence

- Psalm 15:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Who may worship in your sanctuary, LORD? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

² Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts.

³ Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.

- Psalm 101:7 (NLT)

⁷ I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence.

(11) Liars will perish (be destroyed).

- Proverbs 19:9 (NIV)

⁹ A false witness will not go unpunished, and whoever pours out lies will perish.

(12) Fortune obtained by lies is a fleeting vapor.

- Proverbs 20:17

NASB

Bread *obtained by* a lie is sweet to a person, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

NIV

Food gained by fraud tastes sweet, but one ends up with a mouth full of gravel.

- Proverbs 13:11 (CEV)

Money wrongly gained will disappear bit by bit; money earned little by little will grow and grow.

Repentance from evil ways.

1) Repentance

Repent! Repent! Repent!

Acts 3:9 (NIV)

⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

The Greek term for repentance, metanoia, denotes a change of mind,

Let Us Pray!

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2) I will not entangle ...

- Myself
- My family
- My children
- My generation with the spirit of lies telling.

3) Father,

- I receive grace to overcome and prevail over every opportunity to lie.

- I will not take grace and mercy for granted.

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4) Father, by the authority of Jesus Christ and through the Blood of Jesus Christ, I lose myself/family/generation from any entanglement caused by the spirit of lies.

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Matthew 16:19 (AMP)

19 I will give you the keys (authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.”

5) May my family/generation and I be overtaken and guided by the spirit of truth.

John 16:13 (NIV)

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

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6) Truth is a distinguisher. Therefore, I choose to distinguish myself among many using truth.

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Daniel 6:3-5 (NIV)

³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

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⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

⁵ Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”