

# Joyfully Impossible

*"...it is impossible for God to lie..."*

*Hebrews 6:18,20 (NIV)*

**A** pathological liar is someone whose mind is not fully connected to the real world. They live in a world constructed by their lies. Often their compulsive, habitual lies are spoken to cover up a lack of self esteem. They lie to mask a poor self image.

Thankfully, most of us are not afflicted with this disease of the mind. Yet, many of us do tell occasional lies or fibs. Commonly our lies are spoken to exaggerate something that will make us look better than we are. We may stretch the truth to gain sympathy. Or we embellish the facts to gain admiration for our "exploits". Or it may be a simple exaggeration about how big the fish was that got away.

One thing is certain – we should never think that God can lie. As our verse today indicates – that is "impossible"! God is truth (John 14:6). All that He promises will certainly come to pass. As we view the prophecies of our Lord's first coming, we see

that everything took place just as recorded hundreds of years before the events took place.

It is remarkable that when our Lord's suffering peaked on the cross, His mind was clearly rehearsing the detail of his passion. As He reviewed the prophecies, He suddenly recalled one that had not happened. In John 19:28-30 we see that our Lord's mind stopped at Psalm 69:21 where it was prophesied that Messiah would be given vinegar in His thirst.

Jesus knew how to have that prophecy come to pass and said, "I thirst". John 19:28 (NIV) "Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.'" That was all that was needed for the soldiers to offer our Lord the cheap wine they had brought to drink while waiting for the condemned men to die.

Such a small detail, yet it was important to the Lord that all His Word must

be fulfilled. This gives us much hope for the promises given to us for comfort. Jesus said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29-31 (NIV)

We should cease from fear because the Lord's attention to His creation includes seeing the smallest thing – that even we do not care about – such as how many hairs are on our heads. Learn to live without fear Christian friend. Isaac Watts said it so well!

I love my Shepherd's voice:  
His watchful eye shall keep  
My wand'ring soul among  
The thousands of His  
sheep:  
He feeds His flock, He calls  
their names, His bosom  
bears the tender lambs.

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