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KINGDOM'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH)

Topic: PARTIAL TRUTH IS NO TRUTH

Text: Acts 5:1-10

Memory Verse: *"All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death".*

1 John 5:17

Ananias and Sapphires sold their land out of their own volition (will) to help the church and the needy in the church. But they decided to keep part and went to declare to Apostle Peter that they sold their land and they have brought all the proceeds of the transaction.

- It is true they wanted to do God's work.
- It is true their land was sold.
- It is true they collected the money of the land.
- It is true they went to give part of the money of the proceeds to the Apostle.
- But it is a lie that they brought all the money of the proceeds to the Apostle.

WHAT IS PARTIAL TRUTH?

Partial truth is no truth. If it is no truth, then it is a lie. Half-truth is nothing but lies. Then what is a lie? Lie is to give false information intentionally.

To convey a false image or impression. It is a deliberate false statement; an intentional falsehood.

- A statement intended to deceive even if literally true; a half truth.
- Prevarication – Deviation from what is right or correct, transgression, perversion.

WHY HALF-TRUTH BY ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRE?

Why must they tell a lie or partial truth over their own personal property? What could be their fear? After all, I don't think they were forced to do what they did. Apostle Peter said "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was, it not in thine own power? (Will power to give the money to the Church or not to give was with them) why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God" (Acts 5:4). Definitely it was not forced on them. It was of their own volition.

Then, why must they lie over their own free will offering which at last led to their demise?

- Well, probably they may be thinking of the future, whether the unity or oneness of that time will not last long before it faded away. (Fear of the future).
- Probably, they don't want to do it but they just wanted to find the Apostle's favour.
- They wanted to be recognised by the Apostles and the church for them to be praised as it was done to Barnabas
- Their inner thirst for high position which they thought it could only be gotten by pretence to have sold and donated the money from the sales of their land to the Church.
- So that the people may rise for their help since they would think they have given all to the church.

Whatsoever is the reason, they have lied to the Holy Spirit and God could not take it light with them.

Why are you telling half-truth brothers and sisters? Why are you exaggerating your statement? Is it not to impress people? Why do you euphemise your statement? Is it not for you to cover up? Is it not for the weight of your crime not be seen or that the evil done may not be noticed at all?

Lie has no other name than lie. How many people have you killed through lie? Through your lie many have been misled etc.

JUDGEMENT AGAINST LIARS: Acts 5:4-6, 9-10

For Ananias and Sapphires, it caused them premature death.

It will cause them hell fire. Rev. 21:8

- Physically when one is known as a liar, whenever he's telling the truth he will not be accepted.
- He may end up being isolated (people will be avoiding him).