

## **Session Fourteen (Year B)**

**Sunday February 12, 2017**

[Come, Holy Ghost!](#)

Pentecost Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Questions? Thoughts?

Theme: Why Lying is Wrong

Questions for the Candidates

- Is it ever acceptable to lie?
- Is it always necessary to speak?
- What is truth?
- Are we free to repeat the bad about someone even if it is true?

Sin as a disjoint between means and ends

- For example, it is a sin to eat inferior ice cream because eating ice cream is a means to pleasure as an end. We may sometimes have to eat inferior bread in order to survive, but bread is a means to nutrition. To deliberately eat inferior ice cream frustrates the end to which it should be the means.
- Speech is a means to communication, the end being that you put into another's mind the same idea you have in your own.
- To lie is to deliberately put into another's mind the opposite idea from yours.
- Therefore, lying is a sin.

### **The Ten Commandments**

#### [Exodus 20](#)

16 **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

#### [Exodus 23](#)

1 You shall not repeat a false report. Do not join your hand with the wicked to be a witness supporting violence.

2 You shall not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When testifying in a lawsuit, you shall not follow the crowd in perverting justice.

#### [Proverbs 19](#)

5 The false witness will not go unpunished, and whoever utters lies will not escape.

#### [Daniel 13](#)

Susanna and the Elders

## Matthew 5

- 33 Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.'
- 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne;
- 35 nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
- 36 Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.
- 37 Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one.

## John 14

- 5 Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"
- 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 7 If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

## John 18

- 37 So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
- 38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

## Ephesians 4

- 25 Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another.
- 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger,
- 27 and do not leave room for the devil.

## **The Beatitudes**

Not this session

## **Saints**

Heroic Virtue (continued)

[St. Maurice](#)

[Venerable Pierre Toussaint](#)

## **Sacraments**

Not this session

## **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Not this session

## **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

Not this session

## **Prayer Laboratory**

### 1 John 1

- 8 If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

### Psalm 51

- 17 Lord, you will open my lips; and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
- 18 For you do not desire sacrifice or I would give it; a burnt offering you would not accept.
- 19 My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.

### **Act of Contrition (in Confession)**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

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Comments? Questions?

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds

## Supplemental Readings

### Exodus 23

- 4 When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you must see to it that it is returned.
- 5 When you notice the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you should not desert him; you must help him with it.

### Leviticus 19

- 11 You shall not steal. You shall not deceive or speak falsely to one another.
- 12 You shall not swear falsely by my name, thus profaning the name of your God. I am the LORD.
- 13 You shall not exploit your neighbor. You shall not commit robbery. You shall not withhold overnight the wages of your laborer.

### Deuteronomy 19

- 16 If a hostile witness rises against someone to accuse that person of wrongdoing,
- 17 the two parties in the dispute shall appear in the presence of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and judges in office at that time,
- 18 and the judges must investigate it thoroughly. If the witness is a false witness and has falsely accused the other,
- 19 you shall do to the false witness just as that false witness planned to do to the other. Thus shall you purge the evil from your midst.
- 20 The rest shall hear and be afraid, and never again do such an evil thing as this in your midst

### Proverbs 24

- 28 Do not testify falsely against your neighbor and so deceive with your lips.

### Proverbs 25

- 18 A club, sword, or sharp arrow—the one who bears false witness against a neighbor.

## Proverbs 26

- 18 Like a crazed archer scattering firebrands and deadly arrows,  
19 Such are those who deceive their neighbor, and then say, "I was only joking."