

“The Lesson of Ananias and Sapphira”

(Acts 5:1-11)

Introduction

- I. We should all recognize that if something is recorded in God's Word, then God expects us to know and learn from it (there is nothing irrelevant).
- II. The short, but powerful account of Ananias and Sapphira contains important information for all of us.

Discussion

- I. Help your spouse get to Heaven (Acts 5:1-2).
 - A. Outside of obeying the Gospel, there may be no more important decision that you make than choosing your spouse.
 - B. Neither Ananias or Sapphira seemingly tried to stop the other one (Eccl. 4:9-12; Gen. 3:1-13).
- II. Lying is not a trivial matter to God (Acts 5:3-4, 9).
 - A. Liars are lumped into the same discussion as idolaters, murderers, whoremongers, etc. (Rev. 21:8).
 - B. The end never justifies the means when it comes to lying (Rom. 3:8).
 - C. God hates the practice of lying (Prov. 6:16-19).
- III. Humility is better than pride (Acts 4:34-5:1-2).
 - A. We should never forget who we are, and from whence we come.
 1. All of us were sinners in the sight of God (Rom. 3:23).
 2. We are “unprofitable servants” (Luke 17:10).
 - B. Are we willing to serve without earthly recognition (Prov. 6:16-19; 16:18; Heb. 6:10; Mark 9:41).

Conclusion

- I. We should never forget that God sees all and knows all (Psm. 147:5).
- II. God will punish the wicked and disobedient (1 Tim. 5:24).