

## The Persecution of God

The first recorded lie in the Bible originated with a fallen angel. Speaking of this fallen angel, Jesus said, “When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). Satan led “the mother of all living” (Eve) into sin with a direct contradiction of the instruction she received from God. (See Genesis 3:1-15). Among us today are many popular but false assumptions about the character and nature of God. Pastor Emeritus of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, Dr. Erwin Lutzer, identifies ten prevalent lies made about God today.

1. **The Lie that Many Paths Lead into God’s Presence.** Only Christ—fully man, fully God—can be the mediator between God and man. There isn’t a sinless Savior in any other religion.
2. **The Lie that God is More Tolerant than He Used to Be.** Never interpret the silence of God as the indifference of God.
3. **The Lie that God Has Personally Never Suffered.** A God that cannot suffer is a God that cannot love.
4. **The Lie that God Thinks Like We Do.** When God says, “I am that I am,” He says, “I am what I am, not what you want Me to be.”
5. **The Lie that God is Obligated to Save Followers of Other Religions.** God is not obligated to save anyone, but He is obligated to treat them justly.
6. **The Lie that God takes No Responsibility for Natural Disasters.** Nature reveals both the love of God and the judgment of God.
7. **The Lie that God Does Not Know Our Future Decisions.** Not a single thing can happen to you that God doesn’t know about ahead of time.
8. **The Lie that the Fall of Adam Ruined God’s Plan.** The providence of God is both bitter and sweet.
9. **The Lie that We Must Choose Between Please God and Pleasing Ourselves.** Misery is a gift of God—it’s His way of saying, “why don’t you turn to Me?”
10. **The Lie that God Helps Those Who Help Themselves.** False. Without God initiating the plan of salvation, we’d have no hope.

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## Today’s Message: The Pedagogy of Pain

Psalm 119:67-68

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I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and  
pray, Find in Me thine all in all.”

– Elvina M. Hall, 1865

“If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.”  
– Proverbs 24:10

*Listening with Your Heart*

“Spiritual decisions are often followed by spiritual struggles.  
Satan cannot bear that any of us do the will of God.”  
– Elizabeth Elliot