

## **Acts 5:1-21 2026 – Lying To The Holy Spirit - Hypocrisy; Continuing Power In The Church; Imprisoned Apostles Freed**

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**ACTS 4:35-37** [35] *and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. [36] And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, [37] having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

### **ACTS 5:1-21: Lying to the Holy Spirit - Ananias and Sapphira's Hypocrisy**

**Act 5:1** *But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. [2] And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. [3] But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? [4] While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." [5] Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. [6] And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. [7] Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. [8] And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." [9] Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." [10] Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. [11] So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.*

### **Many Signs and Wonders Done – Continuing Power in the Church**

**[12]** *And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. [13] Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. [14] And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, [15] so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. [16] Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.*

### **The Apostles Imprisoned and Freed**

**[17]** *Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, [18] and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. [19] But at night an angel of the Lord*

*opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, [20] "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." [21] And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.*

**SUMMARY: "THE DANGER OF LYING" - Acts 5:1-11**

- God will not overlook the sin of lying! We are taught here that He will deal with it! (*Psa 119:163*) *I hate and abhor lying, But I love Your law.*
- In the previous chapter, we saw Satan's first tactic to destroy the church was by force from without. Here, we see his second attempt was to destroy the church from within.
- In today's study, we will see that the corrective work is clearly that of Divine judgment. Understanding this, it seems we can see at least three valuable lessons:
  - ✓ The gravity of the sin of Ananias and Sapphira. Peter stresses the lie was not against man, but against the Holy Spirit, against God.
  - ✓ The importance, even the sacredness of the human conscience (without offense). (*Acts 24:16*)
  - ✓ This incident teaches us the necessity of church discipline. Churches are wise if they follow the successive stages taught by Jesus. (*Mt. 18:15-20*)
- We see here very clearly that confession of our sin is critically necessary! Whoever tries to hide his sin will not prosper!
- What an indication of a sin agreed to by both the husband and the wife! Why did they do it?
- Hypocrisy, a horrible evil that has plagued the church through the years. Pretending to be something that you are not. God dealt very severely with hypocrisy here with the birth of the church. Here they were making a pretense of giving everything and yet holding back, obviously by agreement between themselves.

**PRAY TODAY FOR:** (*1Ti 2:1-4*) *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

***I LOVE YOU, LORD AND I LIFT MY VOICE*** *Kim Walker/Maranatha*  
*I love you Lord And I lift my voice To worship you Oh my soul rejoice*  
*Take joy, my king In what you hear Let it be a sweet sweet sound In your ear (3x)*