

# Hebrews 7.11

## The Coming of Truth

### I. TRUTH IS INTEGRAL TO GOD

A. His Truth IS a part of His own infinite Character –

#### **Exodus 34.5-9**

1. Eternal –

*Psalm 100:5 (NKJV) <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

2. Infinite –

*Psalm 108:4 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.*

3. Truth –

*Daniel 4.37 <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.*

4. Just –

#### **Deuteronomy 32.1-4**

5. Enabling power

6. Source of ALL truth –

*Psalm 33:4–5 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is right, And all His work is done in truth. <sup>5</sup> He loves*

*righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*

B. His Truth defines His Rule

1. His Law IS truth –

*Psalm 119:142 (NKJV) <sup>142</sup> Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.*

C. His Law supports and defines Truth

*Psalm 25:4–5 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. <sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.*

*Psalm 25:8–11 (NKJV) <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. <sup>11</sup> For Your name's sake, O Lord, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.*

*Psalm 89:14–15 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. <sup>15</sup> Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.*

D. He will not allow us into His presence apart from Truth

***Psalm 15.1-5***

E. He Requires Truth

1. He demands truthful service –

*Joshua 24:14 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> “Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!*

2. He deserves truthful service –

*1 Samuel 12:24 (NKJV) <sup>24</sup> Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.*

3. Truth is the measure of our service, and thus His pleasure

***Jeremiah 5.1-3***

*Jeremiah 7:28 (NKJV) <sup>28</sup> “So you shall say to them, ‘This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the Lord their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.*

4. He will teach us –

*Psalm 51:5–6 (NKJV) <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Behold,*

*You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.*

## **II. MANKIND HATES TRUTH**

### ***Romans 1.18-2.1***

- A. We hide truth in sin
- B. We trade truth for lies
- C. We are ALL guilty of this
- D. It is impossible to worship God in lies for lies come from Satan –

*John 8:44 (NKJV) <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

- E. Apart from God, we are nothing but deceit -

*Hosea 4:1 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, You children of Israel, For the Lord brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: "There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land.*

- F. When we forsake truth, we are forsaken of God

- G. It is a downward spiral of deceit –

### ***Jeremiah 9.3-6***

## **III. TRUTH INSEPARABLE FROM SALVATION**

A. Truth is the midwife of God –

*James 1:18 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.*

B. It is His to give as He pleases -

*Psalm 85:10–13 (NKJV) <sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. <sup>11</sup> Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven. <sup>12</sup> Yes, the Lord will give what is good; And our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps our pathway.*

### ***2Thessalonians 2.9-12***

C. It overrules all of our ideas or opinions about what is and isn't true –

*Matthew 22:15–16 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. <sup>16</sup> And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.*

D. The Spirit who dwells within us only speaks truth –

*John 16:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

E. We cannot come into His presence apart from truth -

*John 14:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

*John 4:23–24 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

F. Truth IS righteous –

*Proverbs 12:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> He who speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit.*

G. Truth is mercy -

*Jeremiah 33:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.*

H. Being aligned with truth will make us godly

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*Ephesians 4:21 (NKJV) <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

I. Jesus IS the truth –

***John 1.14-18***

1. His reign is marked by truth –

***Isaiah 42.1-4***

2. His WORD is truth -

*John 17:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

*Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

3. Truth is a fruit of the spirit –

*Ephesians 5:9 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),*

4. There is no path to truth, and thus to God apart from Jesus –

*John 14:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

5. The gospel brings forth truth as fruit –

***Colossians 1.3-8***

J. We can see if others are in the truth by how they react/respond to Jesus –

*1John 4:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

#### IV. TRUTH HAS IN IMPACT

A. Positive

1. It is our shield and buckler –

***Psalm 91.4-8***

2. It preserves us when we cling to it -

3. It leads us –

*Psalm 43:3–4 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup> Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. <sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.*

4. Frees us –

*John 8:32 (NKJV) <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

5. It is the support of our lives –

*Ephesians 6:14 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*



6. When we love God's ways truth is the path of our lives, and He is our constant unfailing supply –

***Psalm 86.11-15***

7. It sanctifies us

*2Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,*

*1Peter 1:22 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup> Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,*

*John 17:19 (NKJV) <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.*

8. Our hearts are confirmed that we are His –

*1John 3:18–21 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup> And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. <sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows*

*all things.* <sup>21</sup> *Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.*

B. Negative

1. It marks us as false when we reject it –  
*1John 2:21 (NKJV)* <sup>21</sup> *I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.*
2. We will turn away from God and truth when we hate truth –  
*2Timothy 4:3–5 (NKJV)* <sup>3</sup> *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*
3. We widen and deepen that chasm which separates us from God when we chase lies, and reject truth –

***2Timothy 3.1-9***

## V. TRUTH MAKES DEMANDS

- A. We must confess and acknowledge the truth –

**Titus 1.1-3**

**1John 1.6-9**

1. It requires honesty about failure
2. It requires practice to walk in it
3. It requires us to be intentionally walking toward holiness

B. We must treat carefully and accurately with truth –

*2Timothy 2:15 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

C. We MUST speak truth –

*Ephesians 4:25 (NKJV) <sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.*

D. It must be handled in love –

*Ephesians 4:15 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ—*

E. It must be obeyed –

*Romans 2:8 (NKJV) <sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness— indignation and wrath,*

F. It requires us to be connected to the body -  
which is the pillar and ground of truth –

*1 Timothy 3:15 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup> but if I am delayed, I write so  
that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself  
in the house of God, which is the church of the living  
God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*