

Spurgeon's Notes

1:2—The scriptural idea of God forbids that he should lie. It is utterly inconsistent with the Holy One, whose kingdom is over all, that he could lie. God is too wise to lie.

Falsehood is the expedient of a fool. Only a shortsighted person lies. For some present advantage the poor creature who cannot see the end as well as the beginning states what is false, but no wise person who can look far into the future ever thinks a lie to be profitable; this person knows that truth may suffer loss at first, but in the long run she is always successful.

1:13-14—This was bad soil, but it had to be plowed, sown; and, with an Almighty God at the back of the Gospel plower and sower, a fruitful harvest came even in Crete. We need not be afraid of the adaptation of the Gospel to the lowest of the low. If in any quarter of the town the people are more sunken in vice than anywhere else, there the gospel is to be carried with more prayer and more faith than anywhere else. Depend upon it: God can bless his Word anywhere.