

Lying — A Vast Difference

The CIA, the FBI, and government officials have to lie to survive. There is a vast difference between telling a lie and concealing information that others have forfeited a right to know because of their hostile attitude towards God or His moral standards.

- **1 Sam 16:1,2 – Was God guilty of telling Shemuel to lie?**
- **Ex 3:18 – Did not Moses, under the influence and instigation of God, deliberately mislead Pharaoh when he concealed his real intention? Was God guilty of lying? (Ps 18:26).**
- **What about Mary and Joseph when they fled from Herod's decree? Did Herod have the right to take their child and kill Him? Did they do wrong to prevent the King's justice from being executed on their child? Do such officials have a claim to such knowledge, which would incriminate the saints when they did not commit a crime? Do such officials have the right to all or even part of the truth when they have forfeited their right to know the truth?**
- **What about Rahab the harlot? Did the officials have a right to know where the spies were?**
- **What about Germany? Were those who hid the Jews from the officials guilty of perverting justice?**