**Ten Lies Satan Loves To Tell (8)**

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**LIE 7: GOD DOES NOT LOVE YOU**

The Scriptures tell us that God is love (1 John 4:8). God demonstrates His love in sending His Son to redeem us (John 3:16; Romans 5:8). From a young age, we learn about God’s love in songs like *“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.”* Even so, we buy into the devil’s lie that God doesn’t love us. All Satan has to do is convince us to take a look at the evil and suffering in the world. All he has to do is point us to the things which God withholds from us.

Adam and Eve were tricked into believing that God didn’t love them. If God *did* love them, then He would have allowed them to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. All the trees in the garden except for one weren’t enough; God must be unloving because He withheld one thing from them – or so they were told.

Satan convinces us that God doesn’t love us in the same way. God doesn’t immediately answer our prayers; therefore, He must not love us. God doesn’t give us exactly what we want when we want it; therefore, He must not love us.

The devil is really good at getting us to doubt God’s Word and His love for us by sowing seeds of doubt with the little word “if.” If God loves you, why didn’t you get into the school or get the job you wanted? If God loves you, why are you so depressed? If God loves you, why did your marriage fall apart? If God loves you, why did your child die? We can ask this about almost anything, “If God loves you, why did He allow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to happen to you?”

Jesus was attacked with this lie while hanging on the cross: “If God loves you, why are you in agony, being tormented, abused, and forsaken by everyone?” But this lie didn’t work on Jesus. Jesus knew that He was the Son of God and He knew that His Father loved Him. That’s why He cries out, *“My* God, *My* God…” (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46). God loved His Son even when He allowed Him to be crucified. God demonstrated His love by raising Christ from the dead!

Even when it looks and feels like God doesn’t love us. We can trust that He most certainly does! God loves His Son, and He loves us also. God loves us, despite the evil and suffering in the world. God loves us even when He withholds something from us. He promises to use all these things for our good, and we can trust His promise! When you feel that God doesn’t love you, remember that He loves His Son and what He has done for you!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we know that You love us. Guard us against the lies Satan and preserve our faith in You through Your Word and Sacraments. Amen.