

necessarily even include the idea of realization that the thing is false. You would stand on the desert and look out across there and you would say, "How deceptive it is to look out here. It looks like a lake over there." It is very deceptive, but you would never call it deceitful. You would say that when a rather short ~~man or~~ woman wore high heels that the impression given was deceptive. Maybe you would think that she is taller than she is. You would not say that that is deceitful. If a man who has one shoulder a slight bit higher than the other had some padding in his coat which the tailor will usually put in without even asking you about it, the coat is definitely deceptive. It gives the impression that the shoulders are even when actually one of them is higher than the other, but it is not deceitful. So we have these three concepts now. Regarding the first of them, I do not think that we have to look at many passages in the Scripture to make this statement: that a lie is always wrong. We cannot, however, base that statement upon the ten commandments. The ten commandments do not say that "thou shalt not lie". They say, "thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor". The commandments specifically include the note of injury. The commandments specifically have the idea of injuring someone else, of doing something that harms him by perverting the truth. "Thou shalt bear false witness against thy neighbor." If this was all we had, we could not draw the conclusion, could we do you think? Did you have something to say? I couldn't hear what I was saying because there was so much noise.

I just ~~wanted to~~ wanted to--I should have before about these papers that were handed in on this matter. I asked for instances ~~where~~ in the Scripture where a representative of God used deception. And some of you gave me as many as fifteen or twenty. Some gave five or six. Everybody gave at least five except one paper. One paper ~~g~~ said, "To my knowledge there is only one instance in the Scripture where a representative of God uses deception" and then quoted the passage we have in mind. Very evidently that one either had never read the Bible or had never been to a Sunday School class, or just simply had done nothing with t