

It would seem as if rarely if ever would it be right to tell a specific untruth in the matter and yet certainly it would be right to make an evasion or in some way to keep from spreading facts which it was not yours to tell. I think that we have a principle here which is rather vital. I think that we cannot say that deception is always wrong. But we can say that deceit is wrong. We can say that a lie is usually wrong, perhaps always wrong. There is a small error there in which I am hesitant as to just how far we can go in it, but that concealment by telling part of the truth or by evading a question is something which in most cases is in the ~~max~~ lives of most people is occasionally necessary. Certainly it is far better to err in the way of being too open than to err in the way of being too far in the direction of a lie in concealment. Certainly there is a concealment or a giving of a false impression which is not wrong. There is no question about that.

(Question) I would hesitate because Rahab was definitely not one of the people of God. ^{Rahab} ~~Rahab~~ was a person outside who didn't have the ideas or the teaching of Scripture. Rahab had helped the people and had thrown in her lot with them and there was much that wasn't certainly worthy of commendation in what she had done. Now if there was also that which done by the one of the people of God would have been definitely wrong in what she had done. I don't know as if it would have been necessary in giving the judgment on her to ~~put~~ point that out. She is commended for ~~being~~ throwing her lot with the people of God and for helping them. Now to say that she is thereby commended for all aspects of it which included certain things that were based upon her heathen background is I think going a little further than we would be justified in going.

(Question--Mr. Sinclair) Commendation of the fact that she didn't ~~really~~ merely--James in the passage is rebuking the idea of an empty faith, a faith that isn't real. If Rahab would do like so many of us would have done in that situation we would say, "Oh, I know that you folks are on the right side. I know that you are doing ~~just~~ the thing that ought to be done and the Lord is with you. My,