

plunges a knife into a man to save his life. It is a good deed. It is exactly the same thing that is done--perhaps a little more ~~xxx~~ skillfully in one case, perhaps a little more ~~xxx~~ skillfully in the other case. It isn't the skill that makes the difference. It isn't the act that makes the difference. It is the motive that makes the difference. The Scripture does seem to present truth as an ideal by itself ~~as~~ apart from the result on people and to uphold as a very great standard perhaps not one hundred per cent, but very great standard, making your ~~work~~ ^{words} conform to the ~~truth~~ truth; that is, not saying anything which is specifically untrue. Well, now as to these instances which were listed. We have a great many instances listed. I was a bit sorry to see that in the instances listed that some listed Simon the sorcerer, ~~xxxxx~~ because he immediately was being a case of deception, a representative of God because the prophet said to Simon that "I see that you are in the gall of bitterness." The apostle rebuked Simon for what he had done. Simon was definitely doing something wrong, and wouldn't come under this category of a representative of God doing something by God's command or in the carrying out of his duty for God.

Now ^{73-21/2} was mentioned I think by only one. She, of course, would be somewhat similar to the case of Rahab except that we have no specific Scripture, no specific divine commendation of . She knew of a man and then killed him stealthily. She was not one of the Israelite people. Good results came from her act, but to say that her act was in itself commendable would be something for which we have no Scriptural evidence.

The case of Gehazi was mentioned. Gehazi was certainly rebuked for his wrong, and punished with leprosy. So of course it raises no particular question for us.

On the general matter of deception Mr. Sinclair mentioned a very interesting suggestion. He said that in nature which God established we find ~~many proofs~~ mimicry. We find--I have noticed in the Grand Canyon if you are on a ~~black~~ black