

it is very easy ~~xxx~~ for people to imagine that to be the case when it isn't and when we don't have the true speaking of the Lord which was in the times of Israel.

(Question) --You make the statement that God uses deception. How much can we use it? I would say that God never uses deceit. God never tells a lie. But deception seems to be a broad word which covers any sort of concealment or anything that gives a favorable impression and that while it should be our attempt to give a true impression as far as possible yet it is not our duty to give such an impression as will give everybody a full knowledge of everything that you do. I think that would fit it. I feel that it is far better in this regard to ~~always~~ owe on the side of opposing all deception than to owe on the side of permitting any kind of deception which would be forbidden in Scripture. Someone asked me after the last class about a statement regarding a rock. I am not ready to say that in 100 percent of cases it is wrong to make a misstatement. I have to admit a possibility that there may be extreme cases of life and death where such a thing would be permissible but I'm not ready to say that it is b but I am ready to say that in practically all cases a lie, a misstatement, is absolutely contrary to the Scripture and to leave open the question regarding a very, very tiny number of cases in which extremely important matters are involved in which I do not wish to make a categorical statement ~~one~~ way or the other. That is, I want to put the emphasis on the fact that in practically all cases lying would be definitely contrary to the Lord's will and I don't ~~think~~ say it isn't at all. I say in practically in all it isn't. Is that clear to You?

(Question) *end of 95.*