

**“Take No Bribes”** by Kirk Hunt

*And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?*

Ezekiel 13:19 KJV

As a Christian, you have a duty to tell the truth. God commands us to speak His truth, fully and completely. Everything else is error.

Too often, even God’s people are tempted to give in. The world will try to bribe us to speak and teach against Scripture. There is no earthly payment that should tempt you to speak against Scripture.

Should they know error when they hear it? Yes. Still, the responsibility remains on us to teach and preach only the pure Word of God. To keep from sin those not in its grip. To convict (not condemn) the guilty, so that they will give up their sinful lives.

The stakes are high. The results impact not just this lifetime, but eternity. Remember heaven, and hell, are for forever. What is the correct amount of bribe to deflect an innocent soul into eternal torment?

Sooner or later, you will have to choose. Speak the truth, or speak a lie. Before you take that bribe, look into God’s Shekinah, His glory-cloud, for your answer.

**Think:** God commands me to speak His Word clearly and purely.

**Pray:** “Lord, help me to be a truth teller, no matter the cost.”

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