

## **HE WAS A LIAR FROM THE BEGINNING**

Many despotic and evil governments have tried to hold themselves in power by misrepresenting what would result from a change of government. Thus Satan – "the prince of this world" – has deluded mankind in general, teaching that, though they indeed have a hard lot now, it would be a thousand-fold worse if Jesus were to come and establish his kingdom. Hence, not only the worldly fear the coming into power of earth's rightful Ruler, but many of God's children, too, fear, instead of love, that for which they pray – "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven."

Thus, in everything it has been the deceivers' policy to misrepresent our loving Father's works and plans. It is astonishing, too, how much more readily even Christians receive Satan's lie than God's truth. And God allows his character to be traduced – probably designing that when, in coming ages, "the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the whole earth," then the magnitude of his love shall shine with increased splendor by contrast with Satan's slanders.