

Acts 5

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AC 5:5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. ⁶ Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

AC 5:7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

AC 5:9 Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

AC 5:10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

What is God and what is mine?

AC 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

Was this expected?

IS it expected that we now have no possessions?

How does it work now?

Acts 5 gives us a perspective of how it shouldn't work.

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Two things here:

1. **Full knowledge** _ In other words they talked about it and decided to be deceitful.
Can you come to church and be deceitful?
Should you come to church and be deceitful? What is your motive to be here?
(Look good, be seen as a good Christian etc)

I think the big thing here is – **God see's your motives.**

2. **You have not lied to men but to God.**

This is huge. This deceit is not only trying to pull the wool over the disciples eyes but trying to con God – It can't happen. God knows.

What do you think about it when you are at home alone in your bed? At least alone with your thoughts.

If we are here on false pretenses – God knows.

If you give money to look Good – God knows

If you do ministry for another reason than to please God – He knows.

IN some ways this passage is about

The omniscience of God –

In other words –

He knows everything.

God even knows what we do with our money!!!

Maybe we don't have enough of the last verse from this story.

11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Maybe we just don't fear God enough.