

## "Christ's Interpretation of the Law: Oaths"

Matthew 5:33-37

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### I. The Clear Command

Hebrews 6:16 "For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife."

A.W. Pink "An Oath was a solemn appeal to the dread name of Jehovah, which, by awaking the spirit of the swearer to a consciousness of the awe-inspiring presence and cognizance of the Most High, gave all its sanctity and power to it."

#### a. Oaths are to be Taken in God's Name Alone

Isaiha 65:16 "That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes."

Jeremiaha 12:16a "And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth..."

#### b. Oaths are to be Taken Seriously

### II. The Misinterpretation

#### a. Oaths were Taken Generally

1. The General Oath Taken in the Name of Heaven
2. The General Oath Taken in the Name of Earth
3. The General Oath Taken in the Name of Jerusalem
4. The General Oath Taken in the Name of Human Life

#### b. Oaths were Kept Flippantly

### III. The Set Expectation of Communication

James 5:12 "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."

### IV. The Needed Application

- a. Be Selective with Oath Taking
- b. Be Committed to Speaking Truth