

**The Gospel of Matthew #46**

**Sermon on the Mount: Six Examples of the Right Use of the Law:**

**4. Oaths and Truth telling**

**HOW CAREFUL ARE YOU WITH THE TRUTH?**

**Matthew 5:33-37**

I. What the \_\_\_\_\_ said

A. Do not break your oaths made in the Lord's Name

**Levit 19:12**

B. It is ok to break those *not* made in His Name.

Examples: when you swear by

- Heaven
- Earth
- Jerusalem
- Your head

Cf. lawyer-like loopholes in 23:16-22!

II. What \_\_\_\_\_ says

A. Note: He is NOT forbidding ALL oaths

Eg: He Himself responded under oath: Mt 26:63-64

Other examples from Paul:

Rom 1:9-10;

II Cor 1:23;

Phil 1:8;

I Thess 2:5

Even God takes an oath: Heb 6:17-19 (v16: ok for men)

B. Oaths are not necessary if you are honest

Lev 19:12 is connected to v11: do not deceive!

There are two kinds of oaths:

1. Assertions about the past or present:  
"Yes, I did" or "No, I didn't" are enough
2. Promises about the future:  
"Yes, I will" or "No, I won't" are enough

### III. Oaths and the Gospel

#### A. Rooted in \_\_\_\_\_

Heb 10:23 (cf. Prov 8:7)

God's oath: **Hebrews 6:13-20**

Refers to His oath to Abraham in Gen 22:15-18: blessing to the nations

Psm 132: He swears to David: His King on the Throne forever

Jesus comes: the Word, full of grace & **Truth** (Jn 1:14, 17-18) to truly make the Father known (cf. Jn 14:6)

He dies for liars like you and me

Heb 6:18-20: His oath is an anchor fixed in \_\_\_\_\_!  
You are safe because He can never lie!

#### B. Reflected in \_\_\_\_\_

You put on truth with the Gospel:

Eph 4:22-25; Col 3:9-10; Psm 15:2, 4; Deut 28:9-10

You can only tell the truth by \_\_\_\_\_ in His promises

- God's provision
- God's protection

***If you are not in another class, I invite you to discuss this and every sermon with me in Aux Cl #5 at 10am, between services.***