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***We’ve seen examples of it in
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***But note the connection between
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***Swearing involves “oaths”—cursing
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Or another’s lack of trust in my word

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But our yea & nay is to be our oath!

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***Jesus’ point: Since all belongs to
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God—Gen. 22:16

Ruth—Ruth 3:13

Abram—Gen. 14:22

Hannah—I Sam 1:26

Isaac—Gen. 31:53

Abner—I Sam 17:55

Joseph—Gen. 42:16

Elijah—I Kngs 18:15

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Biblical Examples of Oaths—NT:

Jesus – Mat. 26:63

Paul – Gal. 1:20; II Cor. 1:23

Angel – Rev. 10:5-7

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See Prov. 30:7-9

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***Note: In both cases, our words are
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