

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT: OATHS

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## Matthew 5:33

**Leviticus 19:12** You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

**Exodus 20:7** You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**Numbers 30:2** If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

**Deuteronomy 6:13** It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by His name you shall swear.

**Deuteronomy 10:20** You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him, and by His name you shall swear.

Not a direct quote,  
but a summary of  
such passages

## Matthew 5:34-36

**Matthew 26:62-64** And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure you (or put you under oath) by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

**Acts 18:18** After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.

**2 Corinthians 1:23** But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth.

**Matthew 26:69-75**

What seem to be  
"oath/swear" like  
statements

## Matthew 5:34-36

**Matthew 23:16-22** "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it."

What Jesus seems  
to be addressing:  
Lying!

## Matthew 5:37

### Hebrews 6:13-20

- He's a God of promise!
- He cannot lie!
- Satan does lie - **John 8:44-45** "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me."
- God **HATES** lying - **Proverbs 12:22** Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

What we can learn

## Satan's Snare

**One study attempted to explain why we "fudge" the truth.**

- Everybody's doing it
- Conflicts of interest
- I'm not hurting anyone
- Lying for others
- Creativity
- Lack of supervision
- Social norms
- Fatigue
- Distance from the crime
- Self Deception

What to watch out  
for!