

TELL THE TRUTH
(Matthew 5:33-37)

INTRODUCTION:

We are continuing our Sermon Series on **The Sermon On The Mount** (Matt 5-7). Today, we will study – **Tell The Truth** – which focuses on the subject of making an Oath. Christians are to live a life of complete integrity where their word is their bond, without needing additional confirmations to emphasize truthfulness.

- “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil (Matt 5:37).

In this message, we will study three points related to our subject – **TELL THE TRUTH:**

- I. **THE TEACHING OF THE SCRIBES/PHARISEES ON MAKING AN OATH**
 - A. “Ye have heard” in “Old Time” (Old Testament) (Exod 20:7; Lev 19:12; Num 30:2; Deut 23:23)
 - B. Jesus was not Destroying the Law – He Came to Fulfil the Law (Matt 5:17-20; Matt 23:16-22)

- II. **THE TEACHING OF JESUS ON MAKING AN OATH** (vv. 34-36)
 - A. Jesus said, “But I say unto you, swear not at all” (v. 34; Isa 66:1; Ps 24:1; Ps 48:2; 46:4; Matt 10:15; 11:24; Mark 6:11; Luke 10:12)
 - B. Jesus said, it would be better not to swear or make an Oath – “swear not at all” (v. 34). It is better to not make an oath, than to make an oath and not fulfil (pay) it (Eccl 5:4-5; Acts 5:1-11; Job 22:27; Ps 50:14; 76:11).

- III. **THE EXPECTATION REGARDING MAKING AN OATH** (v. 37)
 - A. As Christians – our word should be our bond – “Let your communication be, Yea, Yea; Nay, Nay” – Yes or No (v. 37).
 - B. Christians must be people of Truth – **TELL THE TRUTH.** We must be people of truth without exception (Ps 15:1-2, 51:6; Eph 4:25; Col 3:8-10).
 - C. Public Oaths are not forbidden by God nor Scripture. We make oaths for certain professions, court, and marriage contracts (Deut 10:20; Heb 6:16-18; Matt 26:63-64; Rom 1:9; 2 Cor 1:23; Gal 1:20).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Always be Truthful – Be a person of your word – Mean what your say and say what you mean – Be true to your word.
- B. Always strive for honesty and integrity in every aspect of your life.
- C. Do not make an Oath, Vow, or promise that you cannot keep or have no intention of fulfilling.
- D. Be True To Your Word
- E. Keep Your Promises
- F. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).