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*33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You **shall not swear falsely**, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’*

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*“You shall not swear **by my name** falsely,  
and so profane **the name of your God: I am the Lord.**”*

*(Leviticus 19:12)*

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God expects His people to KEEP their word,  
especially when they INVOKE Him.

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*34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by **heaven**, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the **earth**, for it is his footstool, or by **Jerusalem**, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your **head**, for you cannot make one hair white or black*

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- PAUL made oaths. (Romans 1:9; 2 Cor. 1:23; Galatians 1:20; 2 Thess. 2:5)

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REMEMBER:

Think CAREFULLY before making promises  
and KEEP your word.

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*“It should be obvious that what is referred to in Matthew...  
is the **light, casual use** of oaths in informal conversation  
—not formal oaths in such places as courts of law.”*

**(Expositor’s Commentary)**



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