

Kingdom Language

Matthew 5:33–37

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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34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

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35 or by the earth, for it is his
footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the
city of the great King.

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36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

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37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

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34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:34

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Exposition

I. The Old (good) Teaching

II. The New Teaching: The Law of Christ

III. The Rationale of the New Teaching

16 “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.’

Matthew 23:16–22

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17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?

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18 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.'

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19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

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20 So whoever swears by the altar
swears by it and by everything on it.

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21 And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it.

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22 And whoever swears by heaven
swears by the throne of God and by
him who sits upon it.

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Application

I. Ownership

II. The Official Language of Christ's Kingdom

III. Implications of Language

10 The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”

Matthew 19:10

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We think that Jesus is farther up the mountain because he is more resolved and determined.



We must adopt a heavenly
viewpoint.



16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

John 14:16–17

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17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:16–17

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