

**“Jesus Correction of the Law” pt 4  
(that having to do with vows/oaths/swearing)  
Matthew 5:33-37**

**I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ**  
A. The Sermon on the Mount

In these five verses in Matthew 5:33-37, Jesus sets forth the original \_\_\_\_\_ teaching, the traditional \_\_\_\_\_ of that teaching, and His own \_\_\_\_\_ of what God’s standard for truth has always been.

The purpose of the Sermon was to **instruct** those who believed on Christ as Messiah and to **condemn** those who had not yet done so.

Jesus raises the level of righteousness from a relative **human** standard to a **divine** standard

Jesus shows that mankind **cannot reach** this level of righteousness

For those who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah, it puts forth the righteous **principles** to be **employed** by faith as Jews until the kingdom is set up.

Matthew 5:33-37 is the fourth of **six units** that begin "You have heard that it was said, but I say to you"

\* What does the Bible say about oaths/vows/swearing?

- 1) The Law specifically commanded God’s people to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ name.
- 2) Oath: a solemn \_\_\_\_\_ or declaration, made with an appeal to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ that was affirmed
- 3) God \_\_\_\_\_ made \_\_\_\_\_ to men

**1. Jesus mentions the Law’s Standard for Oaths (5:33)**

- a. One was not to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The word translated “\_\_\_\_\_” mentioned here is from the verb *epiorkeō*, which means to \_\_\_\_\_ oneself, to swear falsely, to \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. One was expected to \_\_\_\_\_

- d. The word translated “\_\_\_\_\_” mentioned here is from the noun *horkos*, which literally means to enclose, as with a fence, or to bind together. The truth of an oath or vow is enclosed, bound, and therefore \_\_\_\_\_
- e. To swear in God’s name meant that He was your \_\_\_\_\_ that you were telling the \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. God intended that the taking of oaths be an \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.
- g. Swearing an oath does so by invoking a \_\_\_\_\_ witness.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ is what one \_\_\_\_\_ if the promise is \_\_\_\_\_
- i. God Himself \_\_\_\_\_ His promise with an oath (Heb. 6:

**2. Jesus mentions the Pharisaical Abuse (5:34-36)**

- a. In accordance with the Old Testament standard, \_\_\_\_\_ is to be by no other \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Appealing to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ and other such things was considered by Jesus & most Jews to make their oaths \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Jesus mentions the Proper meaning of Swearing (5:34-37)**

- a. Swearing oaths is to be taken \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Let your “yes” be \_\_\_\_\_; Let your “no” be \_\_\_\_\_

\* The principle here:

\* Is this principle reiterated in the New Testament?

\* What does this mean to you?