

## Divorce

1. Their wrong tradition about divorce
2. The Law calls remarriage of a divorced woman a defilement
3. The Law implied God only approved of divorce for fornication
4. Jesus clarifies the Law – God only approves of divorce for fornication
5. God only approves of divorce for fornication today under the gospel
6. All adulterous marriages must be ended <sup>2</sup>

## The Sermon On The Mount v2

Lesson 9  
Oaths  
Mat 5:33-37

## Introduction

- As Jesus said in Mat 5:20, our righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees if we are going to enter His kingdom
- Their shallow view of oaths had led them to become dishonest and untrustworthy under most conditions
- Jesus reveals that God would have them be truthful and faithful at all times

## Introduction

- In Mat 5:21-48, Jesus gives six examples where He contrasts the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees with the righteousness of His kingdom that was in harmony both with the Law of Moses and the gospel
- Their misguided shallow rebellious righteousness led them to deemphasize inward change while focusing on loosely following outward conduct <sup>3</sup>

## Their Wrong Tradition About Oaths

- On the surface, it appears they upheld only honest oaths to the Lord that must be fulfilled
- But from Jesus' response and other passages, we see they had formulated a system of oaths that could be sworn to someone or something less than the Lord and did not have to be fulfilled
- Therefore, they promoted dishonesty and unfaithfulness under most conditions <sup>6</sup>

## Their Wrong Tradition About Oaths

Mat 5:33 "Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.'

## Their Wrong Tradition About Oaths

Mat 5:34 "But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

Mat 5:35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.

Mat 5:36 "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

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## Their Wrong Tradition About Oaths

Mat 23:16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, *that* is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is obligated.'

Mat 23:17 "You fools and blind men! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold?

Mat 23:18 "And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, *that* is nothing, but whoever swears by the offering on it, he is obligated.'

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## Their Wrong Tradition About Oaths

Mat 23:19 "You blind men, which is more important, the offering, or the altar that sanctifies the offering?

Mat 23:20 "Therefore, whoever swears by the altar, swears *both* by the altar and by everything on it.

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## Their Wrong Tradition About Oaths

Mat 23:21 "And whoever swears by the temple, swears *both* by the temple and by Him who dwells within it.

Mat 23:22 "And whoever swears by heaven, swears *both* by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

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## The Law Taught Oaths To The Lord Must Be Truthful and Faithful

Deu 6:13 "You shall fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

Lev 19:12 'You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

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## The Law Taught Oaths To The Lord Must Be Truthful and Faithful

Num 30:2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Deu 23:21 "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, and the LORD your God will surely require it of you.

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## The Law Taught Oaths To The Lord Must Be Truthful and Faithful

Ecc 5:4 When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for *He takes* no delight in fools. Pay what you vow!

Ecc 5:5 It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

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## The Law Taught Oaths To The Lord Must Be Truthful and Faithful

Ecc 5:6 Do not let your speech cause you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger *of God* that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

Ecc 5:7 For in many dreams and in many words there is emptiness. Rather, fear God.

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## The Law And Jesus Taught Truthfulness and Faithfulness At All Times

Psa 15:1 **A Psalm of David.** O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

Psa 15:2 He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart.

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## The Law And Jesus Taught Truthfulness and Faithfulness At All Times

Psa 24:3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?

Psa 24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully.

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## The Law And Jesus Taught Truthfulness and Faithfulness At All Times

Mat 5:37 "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

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## The Gospel Teaches Truthfulness and Faithfulness At All Times

Col 3:8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,  
Eph 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR**, for we are members of one another.

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## The Gospel Teaches Truthfulness and Faithfulness At All Times

Jas 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

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## The Gospel Teaches Truthfulness and Faithfulness At All Times

Tit 2:6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

Tit 2:7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in doctrine, dignified,

**Tit 2:8** sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

Heb 6:16 For men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

Heb 6:17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

Heb 6:18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

Heb 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

Heb 6:20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

Mat 26:63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

Mat 26:64 Jesus \*said to him, "You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

2Co 1:23 But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth.

2Co 1:24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

Gal 1:18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.

Gal 1:19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gal 1:20 (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you before God that I am not lying.)

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

Rev 10:5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven,

Rev 10:6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer,

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## Can Christians Swear Oaths Today?

Rev 10:7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

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## Oaths

1. Their wrong tradition about oaths
2. The Law taught oaths to the Lord must be truthful and faithful
3. The Law and Jesus taught truthfulness and faithfulness at all times
4. The gospel teaches truthfulness and faithfulness at all times
5. Can Christians swear oaths today?

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