

Matt. 5:33-37

- I. Neg: You have heard that you should keep your oaths (33)
 - A. Again, you heard: (33a)
 - B. The ancient Law forbids swearing falsely and commands keeping oaths (33b-d)
 - 1. That is was said to the people of ancient times (33b)
 - 2. Don't swear falsely, but keep your oaths (33c-d)
 - a Do not swear falsely (33c)
 - b But fulfill your oaths to the Lord (33d)
- II. Pos: But I am saying that you should not swear oaths at all (34-37)
 - A. But I am saying to you (34a)
 - B. Don't swear any oath, but rather, keep your simple word (34b-37)
 - 1. Neg: Don't swear any oath, calling on things beyond your control (34b-36)
 - a Do not swear an oath at all (34b)
 - b Don't swear by things you cannot control (34c-36)
 - 1) Don't swear by things under God's control (34c-35)
 - a) Don't swear by heaven, because it is God's throne (34c-d)
 - (1) Neither [swear an oath] by heaven (34c)
 - (2) Reason: Because it is the throne of God (34d)
 - b) Neither by the earth, because it is God's footstool (35a-b)
 - (1) Neither [swear an oath] by the earth (35a)
 - (2) Reason: Because it is the footstool of His feet (35b)
 - c) Neither by Jerusalem, because it is the King's city (35c-d)
 - (1) Neither [swear an oath] by Jerusalem (35c)
 - (2) Reason: Because it is the city of the great King (35d)
 - 2) Don't swear by your own head, because it is not under your control (36)
 - a) Neither swear [an oath] by your head (36a)
 - b) Reason: Because you are not able to make one hair white or black (36b)
 - 2. Pos: Give a simple promise and keep your word (37)
 - a Let your word be simple, and keep your word (37a-b)
 - 1) Let your word "Yes" be "Yes" (37a)
 - 2) [Let your word] "No" [be] "No" (37b)
 - b That which goes beyond these is from evil/the evil one (37c)