

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

TELL THE TRUTH

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne;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 swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. (Matthew 5:33-37, NIV)

Historical-Biblical Background of Oaths & Swearing:

Jesus is not quoting any _____ from Torah but combining different statements.
Ex 20:7; Lev 19:12

Vowing _____ the _____ of what was said or promised. Is 5:20-23

People had perfected _____.
vv34-36; Matt 23:16-22

The "antitheses" that Jesus addresses are human efforts to _____.

We can be comfortable living in ways that are _____ with each other.

Responding:

1. _____ the _____. Ex 20:16; Phil 4:8; Col 3:9

2. _____ the _____.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

How is God calling you to respond to the message?

What questions remain for you about truth telling?

What is God teaching you these days?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

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Historical-Biblical Background of Oaths & Swearing:

Jesus is not quoting any SPECIFIC LAW from Torah but combining different statements. Ex 20:7; Lev 19:12

Vowing AMPLIFIED the CREDIBILITY of what was said or promised. Is 5:20-23

People had perfected LOOPHOLE SWEARING. vv34-36; Matt 23:16-22

The "antitheses" that Jesus addresses are human efforts to CREATE A MORE COMFORTABLE RELIGION.

We can be comfortable living in ways that are UNTRUTHFUL with each other.

Responding:

1. TELL the TRUTH. Ex 20:16; Phil 4:8; Col 3:9

2. LIVE the TRUTH.

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