

The Sermon On The Mount
The Truth Will Set You Free
Matthew 5:33-37

“Perhaps the best summation ever given by our Lord of the whole Jewish system is in Matthew 15:9, “You have substituted the commandments of men for the doctrines of God.” That defines what they had done, and so He comes to destroy their smug, secure, self-righteous confidence, strip them bare, leave them empty, so that they wind up in a Beatitude mentality: beggars crying for mercy, mourning over their sin, meek before a holy God, hungering and thirsting for a righteousness they must have but can't attain. Then they're ready to receive the gift of forgiving grace and the righteousness imputed to them. That's His purpose in this marvelous and masterful sermon.”

John MacArthur

John 18:37 Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose **I have come into the world— to bear witness to the truth.** Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18:38 Pilate said to him, “**What is truth?**” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.

Leviticus 19:11 “You shall not steal; **you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.**

Exodus 20:7 “**You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God.** The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

Numbers 30:2 If a man vows a vow **to the LORD**, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, **he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.**

Deuteronomy 6:13 You must fear the LORD your God and serve him. **When you take an oath, you must use only his name.**

Matthew 5:33 “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.**’

Matthew 5:34a But I say to you, **Do not take an oath at all,**

2Corinthians 1:23 Now **I call upon God as my witness** that **I am telling the truth**. The reason I didn't return to Corinth was to spare you from a severe rebuke.

Matthew 5:34b either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

Matthew 5:35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

Matthew 23:16 “**Blind guides!** What sorrow awaits you! **For you say that it means nothing to swear ‘by God’s Temple,’** but that it is binding to swear **‘by the gold in the Temple.’**”

Matthew 23:17 **Blind fools!** Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred?

Matthew 23:18 And **you say that to swear ‘by the altar’ is not binding,** but to swear **‘by the gifts on the altar’** is binding.

Matthew 23:19 **How blind!** For which is more important—the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

Matthew 23:20 When you swear ‘by the altar,’ you are swearing by it and by everything on it.

Matthew 23:21 And when you swear ‘by the Temple,’ **you are swearing by it and by God, who lives in it.**

Matthew 23:22 And when you swear ‘by heaven,’ **you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne.**

Matthew 5:36 And do not take an oath by your head, **for you cannot make one hair white or black.**

Matthew 5:37 **Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’;** anything more than this **comes from evil.**

James 4:13 Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.”

James 4:14 **How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow?** Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

James 4:15 What you ought to say is, **“If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.”**

James 4:16 Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, **and all such boasting is evil.**

Matthew 26:33 Peter answered him, **“Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”**

Matthew 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, **“You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”**

Matthew 26:70 But **he denied it** before them all, saying, **“I do not know what you mean.”**

Matthew 26:71 And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, **“This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”**

Matthew 26:72 And again he denied it with an oath: **“I do not know the man.”**

Matthew 26:73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, **“Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”**

Matthew 26:74 Then he began to **invoke a curse on himself and to swear**, **“I do not know the man.”** And immediately the rooster crowed.

Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And **he went out and wept bitterly.**

Mark 16:7 But go, tell his disciples **and Peter** that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

John 21:17 He said to him the third time, **“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”** Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” **Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.**

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth,** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 8:32 and you will **know the truth,** and the **truth will set you free.”**

Deuteronomy 7:8 but it is because the **LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore** to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and **redeemed you from the house of slavery,** from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

2Samuel 22:20 He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, **because he delighted in me.**

Hebrews 6:17 So when **God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise** the unchangeable character of his purpose, **he guaranteed it with an oath,**

Hebrews 6:18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which **it is impossible for God to lie,** we who have fled for refuge **might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.**

Hebrews 6:19 We have this as a sure and steadfast **anchor of the soul,** a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 3:3 What if some were unfaithful? **Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?**

1Timothy 1:15 The saying is **trustworthy** and deserving of full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,** of whom I am the foremost.

Psalms 139:1 O LORD, **you have searched me and known me!**