

KING JESUS UNVEILS LYING HEARTS
BY ADDRESSING DECEITFUL OATHS
Matthew 5:33-37

- I. WHAT THE JEWS HAD HEARD FROM THE SELF RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONCERNING OATHS: Don't make false vows but fulfill them unto the Lord (33)**
- A. What is an Oath or a Vow?

 - B. The flaws in their teaching: Omission and misplaced emphasis (33, 23:16-22 and various OT passages)

 - C. The result of this teaching: Jews had propagated a hypocritical culture of deceit with a lawful veneer (Matt 15:3-11)
- II. WHAT GOD SAYS CONCERNING OATHS: Don't be evil by using bogus deceitful oaths but instead speak truthfully or you will be judged (34-37)**
- A. What God said in the Old Testament concerning oaths (various passages)

 - B. **What Jesus (God in flesh) says:** Make no evil oaths but instead be truthful (34-37)
 - 1. **The negative prohibition in contrast:** Don't make these kinds of evil oaths (34-36)
 - (a) Do not make these oaths (34a)

 - (b) Examples of their evil oaths: Swearing by the things of God or oneself (34b-36)

 - (c) Evil deceitful speech unveiled (34b-36)

 - 2. **The positive command in contrast:** Speak truthfully, simply do what you say (37)
- III. THE ETERNAL CONSEQUENCE FOR A LYING HEART as Evidenced by deceitful speech: Judgment (James 5:12, Rev 21)**