



WHAT **JESUS** SAID ABOUT...

Personal Relationships



WHAT **JESUS** SAID
ABOUT...

The Swearing Of Oaths (5:33-37)



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33 “Again, you have heard that
the ancients were told, ‘You shall
not [ai]make false vows, but shall
fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ 34
But I say to you, make no oath at
all, either by heaven, for it is the
throne of God,

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. 36 Nor shall you make
an oath by your head, for you
cannot make one hair white or
black. 37 But let your statement
be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything
beyond these is of evil.

Are you a man or woman of your
word?

When you say "yes" or "no", do
people take it as "gospel" (i.e.,
truth)?

Are you someone whose word is
questioned, unless confirmed with
an oath?

THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE SWEARING OF OATHS



WHAT **JESUS** SAID
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THREE PASSAGES MAKE
VERY CLEAR THE TEACHING
OF THE LAW...

1. "And you shall not swear
by My name falsely, nor shall you
profane the name of your
God; I am the LORD."

Lev 19:12

2. "If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."

Num 30:2

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

THE EMPHASIS WAS ON TRUTHFULNESS AND FAITHFULNESS...

1. A person must be truthful when he swears an oath; he must truly mean it

2. He must also be faithful in keeping the oath; he must carry out his word

THE TEACHING OF JESUS



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HE EXPOSED THE HYPOCRISY IN SUCH ARBITRARY DISTINCTIONS...

1. Mt 23:20-22 clearly shows
that when one swears by...

a. "the temple"

b. "the throne of God"

...he is swearing by the
LORD also!

Matthew 23:20-22 (NASB)

20 Therefore, whoever swears by the altar, swears both by the altar and by everything on it. 21 And whoever swears by the temple, swears both by the temple and by Him who dwells within it. 22 And whoever swears by heaven, swears both by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

2. Mt 5:34-36 likewise teaches that one cannot swear by these things without involving God
- a. Heaven is the throne of God
 - b. Earth is His footstool
 - c. Only God can change our hair color (without the use of dyes)
- Therefore, any oath is an oath "to the Lord"!

B. HE ENJOINED
"TRUTHFULNESS IN THE
HEART"...

1. Let your "yes" mean "yes"

2. Let your "no" mean "no"

-- Any more than this is evil,
and would be contrary to speaking
"truth in his heart" (Ps
15:1-2)

Responding To Evil (5:38-42)



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38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

41 Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.



WHAT **JESUS** SAID ABOUT...

1. When someone treats you wrong, how do you respond?
 - a. Do you react in kind, treating evil with evil?
 - b. Do you just stand there and take whatever abuse is given?
 - What is the proper way to respond to evil?

2. In His sermon on the mount, Jesus taught concerning the righteousness of the kingdom...
 - a. He did so by contrasting it with the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees
 - 1) Noting how the Law had often been interpreted and applied
 - 2) Declaring what He expected of His disciples

I. THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE TRADITIONAL INTERPRETATION



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A. CONCERNING "AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH"...

1. It is found in Exo 21:24-25
2. A parallel passage is Deut 19:21

Exodus 21:24-25 (NASB)

24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth,
hand for hand, foot for foot, 25
burn for burn, wound for wound,
bruise for bruise.

Deuteronomy 19:21 (NASB)

21 Thus you shall not show pity:
life for life, eye for eye, tooth for
tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

B. THESE STATEMENTS WERE LAWS FOR CIVIL COURTS TO APPLY...

1. Notice carefully Deut
19:15-21; Exo 21:22-25

2. They were given to guide
the priests in meriting out proper
punishment

C. WHAT THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES HAD DONE...

1. Interpreted these statements so as to justify personal retribution!
2. Applied them by frequently taking matters of revenge into their own hands
-- Just as many people do today!

D. THE LAW REPEATEDLY FORBAD "PERSONAL" VENGEANCE...

1. Consider Lev 19:18; Pr 20:22;
24:29

2. In both Old Testament and New Testaments, the matter of vengeance was to be left up to God and His duly appointed agent: civil government! - cf. Ro 12:19; 13:1-4

THE PROPER RESPONSE TO EVIL



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A. JESUS PROCLAIMED TWO PRINCIPLES...

1. Do not resist an evil person
(39a)

a. Not only should you not take vengeance into your own hands...

b. But don't even oppose (resist) the evil person when the evil is being done!

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The "Sermon On The Mount"
continues as Jesus teaches the
Righteousness of the Kingdom
expected in those who would be
citizens of the kingdom.



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