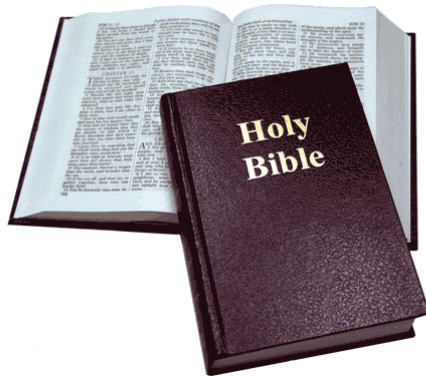


The Sermon on the Mount

STUDY 11

Reading: Matthew 5:33-37



A simple yes or no!

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Tuesday 28th May/Wednesday 29th May 2013

“Six times Jesus says, ‘You have heard that it was said by them of old, but I say unto you.’ In other words, ‘Your system has told you this, but I’m telling you this.’ In each of the six illustrations, Jesus lifts the standard back to where it belonged. Some people assume that in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is adding to the Old Testament; He’s not. Other people assume He’s taking away from the Old Testament; He’s not. What He is simply doing is re-establishing the biblical standard over against their sub-standard system” (John MacArthur).

- 1) What does Jesus tell us in verse 33 about living life in the Kingdom of God?
- 2) Oaths were not only permitted in the Old Testament but were at times commanded (e.g. Num 5:19; Deut 10:20). *How then do we explain Jesus’ words in verse 34: “do not take an oath at all”?*
- 3) Why does Jesus refer to the examples of swearing by heaven, earth, Jerusalem and even by someone’s head?
- 4) What does Jesus mean by “let what you say be simply ‘yes’ or ‘no’”? Where else is this concept taught in the New Testament?
- 5) What is Jesus teaching when he concludes that anything other than the integrity of our word “comes from evil”?