

Righteousness #3: Vows Explained

Matthew 5:33-37

I. TRADITION: "You have heard" (vv.33)

A. Training: "the ancients were told" (v.33a)

1. Interpretations: Words of men
2. Instructions: Words of God

B Teaching: "you shall not...but shall..." (v.33b)

1. Negative: Violating Vows (Lev. 19:12)
2. Positive: Fulfilling Vows (Deut. 23:21-23)

II. TRUTH: "but I say to you" (vv.34-37)

A. Vouchers: "make no oath at all" (vv.34-36)

1. Powerful God: "by heaven"
2. Permanent Home: "by the earth"
3. Public Temple: "by Jerusalem"
4. Personal Life: "by your head"

B. Vows: "let your statement be" (v.37)

1. Promise: "'Yes, yes' or 'no, no'"
2. Problem: "beyond these is evil"

Next Week: "Righteousness #4: Retaliation Explained"

Read: Matthew 5:38-42