

Sermon on the Mount (Swearing of Oaths)

**In what way is our righteousness
to exceed that of the scribes
and Pharisees???**

Matt. 5:20

(Swearing of Oaths)

Jesus again proclaims:

“You have heard”

“It was said”

“To those of old”

Jesus refers to what is in the PAST!!!

What did the Law Teach

3 passages make it very clear-

Leviticus 19:12-

“Swear by God falsely”

Numbers 30:2-

“Don’t break your word”

Deuteronomy 23:31-

“Don’t delay on your word”

Emphasis of the Passages

Truthfulness:

If we swear an oath we must truly mean it

Faithfulness:

If we swear an oath we must be faithful in keeping it and carry it out.

Stressed by the Psalmist

Psalm 15:1-2

“Speaks truth”

Psalm 24:3-4

“Nor sworn deceitfully”

Also stressed by the
Prophets

Jeremiah 5:1-2

“People can swear falsely”

Hosea 4:1-2

“People have no truth or
mercy”

The Scribes and Pharisees Interpretation!!!

They did not honor:

“Truthfulness” in speech

But only honored a:

“Swear to the Lord”

They Applied it Arbitrarily

Vows made NOT to the Lord were not important or binding.

Therefore there were meaningless oaths sworn to impress.

Matt 23:16-19

They took away Truthfulness

By using items or “GIFTS” as a reasoning to mask their Unrighteousness.

They truly didn't mean what they said.

What did Jesus Teach???

Clearly Jesus exposed the **HYPOCRISY** coming from the Scribes and Pharisees.

Matt. 23:20-22

If you swear by the temple or anything on it
you are swearing to GOD!!!

Jesus' Teaching cont.

Matt. 5:34-36

**If you swear by: Heaven, Earth,
Jerusalem, Your Head
You are swearing by GOD!!!**

Therefore an oath is an oath to the LORD!

Jesus' Teachings cont.

Matt. 5:37

Don't make Meaningless or Untruthful oaths!

Let your: **“Yes be Yes”**

Let your: **“No be No”**

Anything more than this is evil and would be
contrary to speaking TRUTH in his heart.

Psalm 15:1-2

Jesus Is Very Clear

Matt 5:34,

“Do not Swear at All”

James is Very Clear

James 5:12,

“Do not swear”

But, Let us Consider???

Hasn't GOD sworn an oath to Mankind???

Hebrews 6:13-20

Wasn't JESUS willing to Swear under oath
in court???

Matt. 26:63-64

Even Paul and Angels have Sworn!

2 Corinthians 1:23, “God as Witness”

Galatians 1:20, “Before God he
does not Lie”

Revelation 10:5-7, “He swore to God”

Is this Contradictory???

First, Remember the case of Jesus' condemnation.

Flippant, Meaningless
Profane, Hypocritical
Impressionist,
Never intended to be
kept oaths

Were Useless BUT,

Is this Contradictory cont.

**Qualified, Meaningful, Fulfilling, Honest,
Truthful, Trustworthy oaths are
necessary.**

To fulfill your: Yes's and No's

To fulfill the Word

Let us have a Righteousness

Greater than the

Scribes and Pharisees,

and NOT

Swear at ALL, but be

Honest and Faithful in what we say!!!

Colossians 4:6

Do you believe that Jesus' way is Right???

If so do something about your life

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 3:16
Repent	Acts 2:38
Confess	Matt. 10:32-33
Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Revelation 2:10