



Video Sermon Notes: October 25th 2020

## The Spirit of the Law - Trust

Matthew 5:33-37

1. Your word substantiates your \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your character is a reflection of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Everything you could swear by has a connection to \_\_\_\_\_

- Why do you think a person's word is so important?

### 1. READ: Deuteronomy 23:21-23

It appears that making a promise is extremely important to God. Why do you think God holds promises with such a high accountability? **Verse 21** indicates that an unfulfilled vow makes the speaker guilty of sin. Can you think of any destructive ways people today break their vows and promises? What do you think motivates a person to make a rash vow or an undeliverable promise?

### 2. READ: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

What pattern do you see in the Bible's instruction on making vows? What was the protest the worshipper was making to the temple messenger in **verse 6**? Have you ever foolishly promised something you couldn't deliver?

### 3. READ: Matthew 23:16-22

The Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees have proved themselves foolish according the passage in **Ecclesiastes** by making vows, but they thought they found a loophole. Can you identify the loophole the devised regarding (1) swearing by the temple - **vs 16**; (2) swearing by the altar - **vs 18**? The real danger that Jesus is pointing out is that any/all swearing and vows has a connection to God, **vs 20-21**. How are then they in violation to the law found in **Leviticus 19:12**?

- How is "trust" related to this issues of taking vows?
- How does taking the spirit of the law seriously reveal our sinfulness?
- Can you keep your vows?