

SERMON SERIES: JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **O Be Careful Little Mouth**

TEXT: **Matthew 5:33-37**

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**A QUESTION & A CONCESSION:**

☞ *We can depend on God's promises, but can people depend on \_\_\_\_\_ promises?*

☞ *We're no longer in a society where "your word is your \_\_\_\_\_," but, where "talk is \_\_\_\_\_!"*

1. The difference between an oath and a vow:

- a. VOW: A solemn promise or \_\_\_\_\_ made to God or man (See Mat 5:31-32; Mal 2:14-16)
- b. OATH: A formal declaration or promise to fulfill a pledge, while invoking a higher authority or entity as a witness and \_\_\_\_\_ of fulfillment (Heb 6:16)
- c. The Greek word for "oath" is ὅρκος (*horkos*) which literally means to "\_\_\_\_\_ yourself in" –
  - ☞ *like Herod! (Mat 14:6-10)*
  - ☞ *like Jephthah! (Judges 11:30-31,34-35)*

2. What the Old Law said about oaths:

*Mat 5:33; Deut 23:21-23; Num 30:2; Prov 13:3; 21:23*

- a. If you \_\_\_\_\_ it, don't \_\_\_\_\_ it!
- b. So, think before you \_\_\_\_\_ or make a \_\_\_\_\_!  
*James 1:19; Eccl 5:2-7*

3. What Jesus said about oaths:

*Mat 5:34-37; James 5:12; 1:19*

- a. Don't do oaths \_\_\_\_\_!
- b. Either say, "\_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_," or, "\_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_"
- c. And when you \_\_\_\_\_ your word, \_\_\_\_\_ your word! *Mat 12:36-37; Deut 23:22; Eccl 5:2-7*
  - ☞ *Concerning vows and promises, you have the right to \_\_\_\_\_, but anything you say ...*

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus set a higher standard for our speech:

- ☞ *In His teaching and His \_\_\_\_\_! (John 1:14; 8:31-32,40; 1 Pet 2:22)*
- ☞ *So, we can't be true to \_\_\_\_\_ Word unless we're true to \_\_\_\_\_ Word! (Eph 4:25; Col 3:9-10)*