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To Tell the Truth

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I. The Prohibition:

Do Not Make an Oath in God's Name

Hebrews 6:13-18 -

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

I. The Prohibition:

Do Not Make an Oath in God's Name

Leviticus 19:12 -

You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God.

II. The Command: Tell the Truth

III. The Motivation: God is Judge

Acts 5:1-11 -

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last...

Acts 5:1-11 -

And great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much.” And she said, “Yes, for so much.” But Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last...

Acts 5:1-11 -

When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

IV. The Implications:

1) Check Your Heart

Zechariah 8:16-17 -

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgements that are true and make for peace; do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD.

IV. The Implications:

1) Check Your Heart

Ezekiel 36:26 -

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

IV. The Implications:

2) Accept the Truthfulness of Truth

3) Pay the Price of Our Promises

Psalm 15:4 -

A person of integrity “Swears to his own hurt, and does not change.”

IV. The Implications:

4) Avoid Exaggeration

5) Speak Up

6) Love Truth

John 17:17 -

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.