

Mountain Talk

Week 4: Promises, Promises

2-27-22

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago,
'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.'"

Matthew 5:33 (NIV)

1. Common _____ of Oaths.

A. _____.

"When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said."

Numbers 30:2 (NIV)

"You must fear the LORD your God and serve him. When you take an oath, you must use only his name."

Deuteronomy 6:13 (NLT)

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."

Exodus 20:7 (NIV)

Example: Judges 11:30–32, 34–35

B. Present _____.

"Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'"

Matthew 23:16 (NIV)

2. Divine Truth: Honesty _____ Oath's Purpose.

"But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Matthew 5:34–37 (NIV)

"But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned."

James 5:12 (NLT)

A. The Evil of Oaths: _____.

* P _____.

* S _____.

3. The _____ of Our Yes and No.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

A. Freedom to _____.

B. Freedom to F _____ - _____.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

4. The _____ of Our Yes and No.

"For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between "Yes" and "No." He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God's ultimate "Yes," he always does what he says. ²⁰ For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!"

2 Corinthians 1:19–20a (NLT)

Simple Answer Steps

1. Get to Know _____.

* L _____.

* P _____.

2. Take Time to _____.

* E _____ the Ask

* Ask God for _____.

3. _____ to your answer.

I struggle With: _____
