

# **Hard Sayings of Jesus**

## **Oaths and Vows**

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### **I. Jesus' Teaching on Oaths**

- A. Matthew 5:33-37)
- B. James' Echoing of Jesus' Teaching (James 5:12)

### **II. Laws About Oaths in the Old Testament**

- A. Exodus 22:11
- B. Leviticus 19:2
- C. Numbers 6:1-8
- D. Numbers 30
- E. Deuteronomy 23:21-23

### **III. Examples of Oaths in the Old Testament**

- A. Genesis 24:1-4
- B. Genesis 28:20-22
- C. Joshua 2:8-21; 6:22-25
- D. Judges 11:29-40

### **IV. Vows in the Psalms**

- A. Psalm 22:25
- B. Psalm 24:3-4

### **V. Advice About Oaths in the Old Testament — Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

### **VI. God and Oaths**

- A. Psalm 89:34-37
- B. Hebrews 6:13-18

## **VII.Examples of Vows in the New Testament**

- A. Acts 18:18; 21:22-26**
- B. Romans 1:9**

## **VIII.Further Teachings About Vows in the New Testament**

- A. Matthew 23:16-22**
- B. James 4:13-17**

## **IX.Application**

- A. Are there different kinds of vows?**
  - A. If so, which ones are appropriate?**
  - B. Which ones are not?**
- B. Why did Jesus and James make such a big deal about vows?**
- C. What about promises? What about wedding vows? What about oaths in a court?**
- D. Do I need to be more careful with the words I say?**