

Sermon Title: **“DO YOU SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, & NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?”**

Matthew 5:33-37

- There is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ we can hide from God (Heb 4:12-13)
- During Jesus’ day, one of the glaring \_\_\_\_\_ of the scribes & Pharisees, was they reduced the Law to \_\_\_\_\_ only
  - Ultimately, the scribes & Pharisees had reduced \_\_\_\_\_ to merely an \_\_\_\_\_
  - The \_\_\_\_\_, which Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_correcting, is that the Law WASN’T merely for outward purposes (it addressed heart level sins)
  - Our “holiness” is inept, we \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ holiness placed on our account (that’s how we are declared \_\_\_\_\_)
- During Jesus’ time, the religious leaders had ended up crafting an elaborate \_\_\_\_\_
  - The scribes & Pharisees taught that everyone MUST be \_\_\_\_\_ and keep your \_\_\_\_\_, when it came to the Lord
  - However, the same level of \_\_\_\_\_ DIDN’T apply to our human relationships
  - There were different \_\_\_\_\_ of seriousness when it came to communication (\_\_\_\_\_ to each other had become excusable)
- As followers of Jesus, we should be known as people who \_\_\_\_\_
  - We \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to the watching world, how do we effectively \_\_\_\_\_ people to the truth, if we AREN’T people of truth?
- The issue in \_\_\_\_\_ of these passages is the practice of the scribes & Pharisees’ using misleading \_\_\_\_\_
  - Everything that we could possibly make an oath by is \_\_\_\_\_ to our Creator
- DON’T make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lightly
  - We get to reflect that similar character to those around us as we \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in love
- Our communication speaks loudly – it can \_\_\_\_\_ others to Christ OR it can \_\_\_\_\_ others away from Christ