



**SERMON ON THE MOUNT:
KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS PT. 2**

CONTEXT

- Greater literary setting: “He went... proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and [healed] every disease” - Mt. 4.23; 9.35
- Theme: How to enter the kingdom of heaven. - Mt. 5.20; 7.13; 21
- Immediate literary setting: “You have heard that it was said...”- Mt. 5.21ff

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- “...you shall not swear falsely but shall perform...”
 - The expectation was that you keep your vows. Lev. 19.12, Num. 30.12; Deut. 23.21-24
 - Oaths were meant to give assurance. *cf.* Heb. 6.12
- “but I say to you do not take an oath at all either by...”
 - The Jews turned oaths into vehicles for dishonesty. Matt. 23.16-22
- “Let what you say be simple yes or no...”
 - The righteousness of the kingdom demands integrity.

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Practical application:

➤ **Be Trustworthy**

- Don't make empty promises.
- Don't say things you don't mean.
- Don't make plans you don't intend to keep.

➤ **Be Dependable**

- Make time.
- Make proper preparations.
- Make reminders.



**Are you trustworthy and
dependable?**