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An oath is a _____ to attest to the truth of a statement.

A vow is a solemn _____ to perform some act or behave in a specified manner.

Swear-How you confirm or deny an _____ or a _____.

The Law of Oaths

If you made a vow or oath in the name of the Lord God you were to _____ it or it was a _____.

It was not a _____ to refrain from vowing.

The Problem

The scribes and Pharisees did not see telling the _____ as important. They would swear by something important but not actually use God's name, therefore they believed it was not as binding.

Jesus' Solution

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Satan is the father of _____.

Warren W. Wiersbe- "Jesus taught that our conversation should be so honest, and our character so true, that we would not need "crutches" to get people to believe us."

Questions:

What does telling the truth have to do with being a mother?

How far do you take the command, "Do not bear false witness."?

Verses for the Law of Oaths

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Ex. 20:7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Ex. 20:16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Ex. 23:1-3 “You shall not bear a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. **2** You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert *justice*; **3** nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his dispute.

Numbers 30:1-2 Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, “This is the word which the Lord has commanded. **2** If a man makes a vow to the Lord, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Lev 19:12 You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.

Deut 23:21-23 “When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, and the Lord your God will surely require it of you. **22** However, if you refrain from vowing, it would not be sin in you. **23** You shall be careful to perform what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to the Lord your God, what you have promised.

Heb 6:13-16 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, **14** saying, “I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you.” **15** And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. **16** For men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

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Jer 9:3 They bend their tongue *like* their bow;
Lies and not truth prevail in the land;
For they proceed from evil to evil,
And they do not know Me," declares the Lord.

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Proverbs 10:19 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable,
But he who restrains his lips is wise.

Ps 15:1-2 O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill? 2
He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart.

John 8:44 You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord,
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.