

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 3, 1984**

**Make No Oaths At All
Matthew 5:33-37
Dale Whitehead**

1. What the Jews understood:

Who can we trust? Can we believe what others share with us?

The Jews took the instruction about oaths and twisted them to the point of being professional liars. As long as in their speech they had not vowed to the Lord, they considered lying okay.

The Old Testament repeats over and over that God hates lying.

If we do not have a whole heartiness toward God we will manipulate His word.

2. What the Jews did not understand:

Verse 34, Jesus says, "Make no oaths at all." The Jews had been making all sorts of lying oaths. These are what Jesus is referring to, the twisted lying oaths.

Our lives should not be characterized by oaths but by truth, our yes, yes and our no, no. What we say should be binding.

Fulfill your word in all instances to everyone; husband, wife, family, friend, neighbor, children.