

Mean What You Say

James 5:12

(series #22)

Intro: the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 5:33-37

The Teachings of the Rabbis v. 33

- "...it was said by them of old time."
- Swearing by some things is non-binding

The Teaching of Jesus vv. 34-37

- His authority - "but I say unto you"
- His message
 - a. Not a condemnation of all oaths
 - (1) Acts 2:30
 - (2) Hebrews 6:13
 - (3) Numbers 30:2
 - b. "Your word ought to be reliable"
 - c. It's a heart issue
 - (1) Matt. 23:16-24
 - (2) Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8
 - d. When we lie, we are like Satan-Jn. 8:44

II. The Importance - "above all" v. 12a

III. The Exhortation - "do not swear" v. 12b

- Be careful in times of pressure (vv. 7-11)

IV. The Warning - "lest you fall into judgment"

-Hebrews 12:6

Concluding Application: Psalm 15:1-4