

MATTHEW

September 26, 2021

Matthew 5:33-37

READ

Matthew 5:27-32 Judges 11:29-40 Matthew 26:69-75

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is a vow (v. 33)? What is an oath (v. 34)? (How are they similar or different?)

Why do men use vows or oaths (Hebrews 6:16)?

2. What are the implications of a vow or oath?

- Numbers 30:2
- Deuteronomy 23:21-23
- Ecclesiastes 5:4

3. Consider the case of Jephthah (Judges 11:29-40). What was the nature of his vow?

How binding was his vow? What weight did his daughter give to his vow?

How was the situation resolved? (Was this his only option?)

4. Consider the case of Peter (Matthew 26:69-75). What was the nature of his oath?

What was his intention?

How did it turn out for him? (Where did it go wrong?)

5. What is the effect of keeping the name of God out of your vow or oath (c.f., vv. 34-35)?

6. What is Jesus' point concerning the words we say (v. 37; c.f., James 5:12)?

What effect should our words have? What is at stake?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

My words will be acceptable to the Lord this week by . . .

The meditation of my heart will be acceptable to the Lord this week by . . .