

The Truth... and Nothing but the Truth

Matthew 5:33-37

Main emphases

- What Jesus declares to us
- What Jesus exposes in us
- What Jesus accomplishes for us

What Jesus declares to us

- What Jesus is not saying:
 - It is always wrong to take an oath
- What Jesus is saying:
 - Every oath ultimately relates to God so don't profane God's name by swearing falsely
 - Speaking truth is good and can be simple

What Jesus exposes in us

- We do not tell the truth naturally
 - John 8:45
- We need the righteousness of Jesus
 - Matthew 5:17, 48

What Jesus accomplishes for us

- He helps us see ourselves clearly
- He fulfills God's standard for us