



Study Notes

Stop Swearing

James 5:12

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I. The _____ (v.12a)

A. The Jewish System of Swearing Oaths Had Its Roots in the _____

1. The Bible does _____ forbid taking oaths (Gen.21:22-31; 26:26-31; 24:2-4; Jos.2:12-20; 1 Sam.20:12-17; 2 Sam.21:7; 1 Sam.24:21-22; 19:23; 3:35; Jos.6:26; 2 Chron.15:14; Acts 18:8; 2 Cor.11:31; Rev.10:5-6)
2. There were occasions in the Old Testament when God _____ people to take an oath (Ex.22:10-11; Num. 5:19-22)
3. Oaths are wrong when they are _____ with the intent to _____ others, or when taken _____ or _____ (Num.30:2)
4. _____ Himself swore oaths (Heb.6:13-18)

B. James's Command to Not Swear Must Not Be Viewed as a Blanket _____ of all Oath Taking

1. Oaths were _____ on _____ occasions, but only in the _____ of God
2. What James is forbidding is swearing an oath by _____ or by _____ or with any _____ oath (Mat.5:33-37; 23:16-22)

II. The _____ (v.12b)

A. James Calls for _____, _____, _____ Speech

B. Believers Are to Be Known as People Who _____ their Word (Eph.4:25; Prov.12:17)

III. The _____ (v.12c)

A. The Mosaic Law _____ Against Not Keeping Your Oaths (Ex.20:7; Mat.23:16)

B. The Judgment James Has in Mind Here is Not God's _____ of Believers (Jas.2:13)