

# KINGDOM LANGUAGE

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We are going to continue talking about living in the Kingdom of Heaven.

- As believers, we have chosen to submit to Jesus as King and agreed to live our lives in accordance with His ways.
- We are going to focus on the language that is spoken in the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Matthew 5:33

Again, your ancestors were taught, “Never swear an oath that you don’t intend to keep, but keep your vows to the Lord God.”

- That’s **Leviticus 19:12** let’s turn there and read it.
- This is talking about perjury or lying under oath
- Lying is a foreign language in the Kingdom!
- There’s more to the meaning of lying than simply consciously not telling the truth that you know.
- It is also saying you will do something and then not doing it.
- Notice the word ‘profane’; it means to disrespect something sacred
- **Numbers 30:2** let’s turn there and read it.
- This is another law that Jesus is referencing in **Matthew 5:33**.
- Notice this: your word is sacred!
- If you tell someone you are going to do something--you give them your word--it is **sacred**--DO NOT profane your word by not DOING what you said you would do!

**Verse 34:** However, I say to you, don’t bind yourself by taking an oath at all. Don’t swear by heaven, for heaven is where God’s throne is placed. Don’t swear an oath by the earth, because it is the rug under God’s feet, and not by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the Great King. And why would you swear by your own head, because it’s not in your power to turn a single hair white or black?

- Let’s remember that Jesus is talking to Jewish folks here and to them everything He mentioned was sacred to them.
- Heaven; the earth; Jerusalem and your head--these are things that were sacred and you didn’t disrespect them.
- But Jesus is telling them and everyone who wants to live in His Kingdom that it’s more than places and things, it’s words of truth

that make our very lives sacred.

- He's talking identity here!
- We, as God's image bearers must be truthful in everything.
- Truth begins in our hearts and gives us a foundation of pure motives.
- But it's the words of truth that come out of our mouths that reveal the image of God.
- And our words must be fulfilled by actions.
- Talk is cheap--unless it's fulfilled by actions it is really a lie.
- Life in the Kingdom takes diligence to watch our words and make sure we actually DO what we say we are going to do.

### Joshua Chapter 9

- These people tricked Joshua and the leaders of Israel into making a covenant with them.
- How? Joshua did not inquire of the Lord before making this covenant!
- Before you enter any kind of agreement or give your word about something you need to ask God first.
- Get His counsel and direction.
- But, notice this: once the deal was made--even under false pretense; even to their hurt, they kept their word!
- Do you see how important keeping your word is in the sight of God?!

**Verse 37:** But just let your words ring true. A simple yes or no will suffice. Anything beyond this springs from a deceiver. (evil one)

- Let's look closer at the word 'oath':
- It is a solemn promise, often invoking a divine witness, regarding one's future action or behavior;
- It means vow, pledge, sworn statement, promise, avowal, affirmation, WORD, word of honor, bond, guarantee...
- The language of the Kingdom is TRUTH...
- Your word is your bond--it's the guarantee!
- If you say it then you will do it regardless of what it will cost you.
  
- It can also mean a profane or offensive expression used to express anger or other strong emotions--swear words, profanity, expletive, four-letter word, dirty word, obscenity, vulgarity, curse, blasphemy...

- WOW, this really touched home with me...
- How many times do we say words that express emotions that are illegal in the Kingdom?

### **Matthew 12:36-37**

But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle, inoperative, nonworking word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.

- Notice what kind of words we will be held accountable for:
  - Idle--not working; no purpose; not accomplishing anything
  - Inoperative--broken; not good for anything
  - Nonworking--that says it all--everything God has given mankind has a purpose--especially our words!
- In the words I find you saying, in those I will judge you.

Most of the time, when I've preached about our words I went at it from the direction of there is the power of life and death in our words.

- And there is...
- And we do create our future with the words that we have spoken in the past.
- But Abba is giving us expanded knowledge this morning.
- I encourage everyone to take some time this week and get advice and counsel from Holy Spirit about the words you've spoken in the past.
- If repentance is needed--repent.
- If restoration is needed--restore.
- If you gave your word--fulfill it.

There is therefore now NO condemnation--Abba is fathering us!

- This is a good word that will bring more integrity into our lives...