

The Sermon on the Mount:
Divorce & Remarriage/Oaths
Matthew 5:31-37

Lesson Seven
February 14, 2010

Observation: Please read **Matthew 5:31-37**

Introduction: As Jesus continues His Sermon on the Mount He addresses the sacredness and the seriousness of covenants and oaths. Clarifying Moses' teaching on divorce, Jesus establishes the only Biblical and acceptable grounds for the severing of a marriage and further addresses the topics of remarriage and the forbidding of oaths.

Questions for Consideration:

- Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to address the issue of divorce given that Moses previously addressed it in Deuteronomy 24:1? (vs. 31)
- In what ways does the sacredness of marriage correlate to our relationship with GOD, and Jesus relationship to the Church?
- Why would it be better for us to respond to someone with a firm "no" than to give them a half-hearted "yes"? (vs. 37)

Personal Exploration:

- What significance does it hold for you when a promise is kept by someone you love and trust?

Inspiration:

In your personal time, please journal how faithful God has proven Himself to be in your life, and consider how this re-enforces for you your continued faith in Him.