

SWEARING IN COURT

OR

TAKING AN OATH

To swear is to invoke the name of God or some other sacred name or thing. It is done for the purpose of giving the greatest assurance possible that one is telling the truth.

It has always been used by man to assure that a person is telling the truth if it is possible to get him to tell the truth.

It is recognized by all men that if a man will not tell the truth under oath then there is nothing more powerful to use on that man.

For this reason, one should always invoke the highest possible being or authority.

Heb 6:13-16 For when God made promise to Abraham, **since he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself,**

16 For men swear by the greater: and **in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation.**

JESUS SAID “Swear not at all”

Matt 5:33-37

Again, ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

**34 but I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of
37 But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.**

JAMES SAID “Swear Not”

James 5:12

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that ye fall not under judgment.

MOSES SAID “THE JEWS MUST SWEAR”

Deut 6:13 Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; and him shalt thou serve, and shalt swear by his name.

***JESUS WOULD NOT HAVE TOLD THE JEWS
WHO LIVED UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES
TO DISOBEY THE LAW OF MOSES***

Matt 5:17-20 Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed (the righteousness) of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

John 5:45-47 Think not that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, on whom ye have set your hope.

46 For if ye believed Moses, ye would believe me; for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS THAT MOSES SAID

“We are to Swear in God’s name only”

Deut 6:13 Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; and him shalt thou serve, and shalt swear by his name.

Deut 10:20 Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; him shalt thou serve; and to him shalt thou cleave, and by his name shalt thou swear.

Ex 22:10-11 If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it: the oath of Jehovah shall be between them both, whether he hath not put his hand unto his neighbor's goods;

Num 5:19 And the priest shall cause her to swear, and shall say unto the woman

PRACTICE OF THE JEWS

Mt. 23:16-22

Matt 23:16-22 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, that say, Whosoever shall **swear by the temple**, it is nothing; but whosoever shall **swear by the gold** of the temple, he is a debtor.

17 Ye fools and blind: for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that hath sanctified the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall **swear by the altar**, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the **gift that is upon it**, he is a debtor.

19 Ye blind: for which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20 He therefore that sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it, and **by all things thereon**.

21 And he that sweareth by the temple, sweareth by it, and **by him that dwelleth therein**.

22 And he that sweareth by the heaven, sweareth **by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon**.

***NEITHER JESUS NOR JAMES
PROHIBITS US FROM SWEARING
IN THE NAME OF GOD***

***THEY DIDN'T CONTRADICT MOSES
AND SAY YOU COULDN'T
SWEAR IN THE***

THE NAME OF GOD

JAMES DOESN'T PROHIBIT US FROM SWEARING IN THE NAME OF GOD

James 5:12

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any **other** oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that ye fall not under judgment.

THE WORD FOR "OTHER" IS "ALLOS" = **(allos)**

ALLOS (**allos**) MEANS = ANOTHER OF THE SAME KIND

Don't swear by any other oath of **the same kind** as heaven and earth

JESUS DOESN'T PROHIBIT US FROM SWEARING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Jesus also enumerates the kind of oaths
you are not to swear by***

Matt 5:34-37 but I say unto you, swear not at all; **neither by** the **heaven**, for it is the **throne** of God; nor by the **earth**, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by **Jerusalem**, for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy **head**, for thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.

Mark 6:8-9 and he charged them that they should **take nothing** for their journey, save a staff only; no bread, no wallet, no money in their purse; but to go shod with sandals: and, said he, put not on two coats.

THE PRACTICE OF JESUS

Matt 26:63-64

But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest said unto him,

**I adjure thee by the living God,
that thou tell us whether thou art the
Christ, the Son of God.**

64 Jesus said unto him, Thou hast said:

THE PRACTICE OF PAUL

1 Thess 5:27

I adjure you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the brethren.

2 Cor 1:23

But I call **God for a witness** upon my soul, that to spare you I forbore to come unto Corinth.

Rom 1:9

For **God is my witness**, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers

Phil 1:8

For **God is my witness**, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus.

Gal 1:20

Now touching the things which I write unto you, behold, **before God**, I lie not.

THE PRACTICE OF AN ANGEL

Rev 10:5-6

And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven,

and sware by him that liveth for ever and ever,
**who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and
the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the
things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer:**