



SWEARING AND OATHS

MATTHEW 5:33-37

D. A. Carson

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

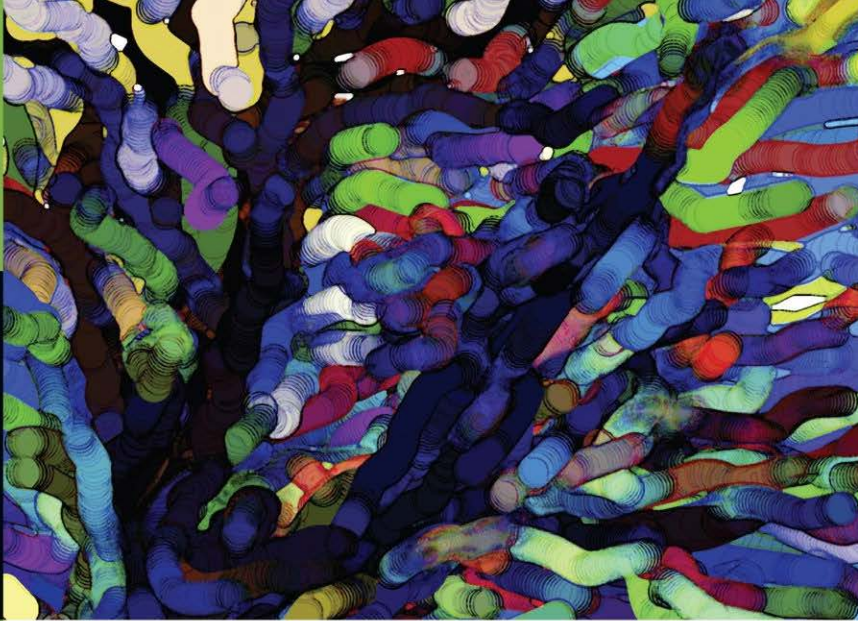
And His Confrontation with the World

An Exposition of
Matthew 5–10

Jesus relates every oath to God; to swear by anything is to swear by God, for God in some way [through creation and his sovereignty] stands behind everything. Therefore, no oath is trivial, no oath is justifiable evasion; all oaths are solemn pledges to speak the truth



DA Carson, Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, 51.



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The Message of the
Sermon on the Mount

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Swearing (i.e. oath-taking) is really a pathetic confession of our own dishonesty. Why do we find it necessary to introduce our promise by some tremendous formula, ‘I swear by the archangel Gabriel and all the host of heaven’ or ‘I swear by the Holy Bible’? The only reason is that we know our simple word is not likely to be trusted. So we induce people to believe us by adding a solemn oath...Oaths arise because men are so often liars”



John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*, 102.