

## Sermon Notes – October 30, 2022

### Swear No More (*James 5:12*)

- I. The Importance of Speech.
  - A. An unbridled tongue is evidence of a worthless religion. (*James 1:26*)
  - B. Speak as one who is under the law of liberty. (*James 2:12*)
  - C. Controlling the tongue is hard; do it anyway! (*James 3:2-11*)
  - D. Do not slander another believer. (*James 4:11*)
  - E. Our speech is to be evidence of a living faith. (*Matthew 12:34-37*) (*Luke 6:43-45*)
  
- II. The Meaning of Swearing.
  - A. The making of OATHS.
    - 1. To make a vow.
      - a. I swear to tell the truth...Court.
      - b. With this ring I thee wed...Marriage.
      - c. I will remain faithful to the Word of God...Ordination.
  
- III. The Challenge for the Christian.
  - A. Don't make vows in haste.
    - 1. The soldier in the foxhole.
    - 2. King Herod.
  - B. Don't blaspheme God. (*Matthew 5:33-37*)
    - 1. The attempt to deceive others.
    - 2. Peter at the crucifixion.
  - C. Don't use too many words!
    - 1. A person of character only needs to say yes or no to be trusted.
    - 2. A person who uses too many words to convince brings suspicion.