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Oath

## **Making an Oath Before God**

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## Oath (Making an Oath Before God).

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- **Revelation 10:1–6:** And the angel whom I (John) saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven <sup>6</sup> and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, <sup>7</sup> but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

The essential idea underpinning the oath the angel swore by him who lives forever, is that he is appealing to God to act as his witness because, it gives the oath and the promise greater intensity, sincerity, and seriousness, for the following reason. To make such an utterance in the presence of the Almighty who cannot lie, and who will judge all who do lie and make a false promise, is made with a conscious awareness that the ever-living God is a witness, and the one making it will be forever mindful that the Almighty has power to detect and punish accordingly, those who lie.

Making an oath before God, and breaking it is such a serious offence, Jesus said:

- Again, you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ <sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil. (Matthew 5:33–37).

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