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**All Citizens Church
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Bible Study: Thursday June 7th 2015.

Topic: Vows

TEXT: Psalm 15:4-5, Psalm 76:11, Gen 28:20-22

INTRODUCTION: A vow is a deliberate promise either made to God directly or to a man with God as a witness. Vows are therefore very sacred. It is a promise no one dares fail to fulfill. Never make a vow under pressure as it must be done by your full consciousness.

Few examples recorded in the scripture

Jacob Gen. 28:20-22; 31, **Jephthah** Judges 11:30-31, **Hannah** 1Sam 1:1 **Elkanah** 1Sam 1:24

Vows were usually made in the bible during the following occasions;

Devoting the person to God (Num 6:2),

Dedicating children to God (1Sam 1:11),

Devoting property to God (Gen 28:20-22),

Offering sacrifices Lev 7:16;22:18, 22; Num. 15:3,

Afflicting the soul (Num. 30:13)

What are God's commands concerning vows in the Bible.

Vows are to be voluntary Deut 23:21,22

Vows are to be performed faithfully Num 30:2

Vows are to be performed without delay Deut 23:21,23

Never make vows without considering its implications: Prov 20:25 Judges 11:30,31

For children, a vow is void without the consent of parents Num 30:3-5

For married women, a vow is void without consent of husbands Num 30:6-8, 10-13-15

But it is binding on widows and women divorced from their husbands Num 30:9

A vow might be redeemed by paying a suitable compensation Le 27:1-8,11-23

Never vow what you do not have or what you cannot afford Deut 12:26

Never vow abominable things Malachi 1:14, Lev 22:23, Duet 23:18.

Do not be forced or cajoled to make a vow. Deut 31:22

Why is God so particular about paying your vows?

God expects His children to be like Him I Peter 1:15-16, Matthew 5:48.

God will begin to take you seriously. John 14:2-3, Gen 22:15-18,

There is a way out in case you make a foolish vow. Lev 5:4-6

It is not a sin to refuse to vow. Duet 23:22

CONCLUSION: It is better not to vow than to vow and refuse to pay it. It is also a huge offence before the Lord for us to make a vow when we know that we are not going to fulfill it. If we want God to begin to take us seriously we ought to also begin to take God's business seriously. Next week we shall be considering usury. God bless you and see you next week.