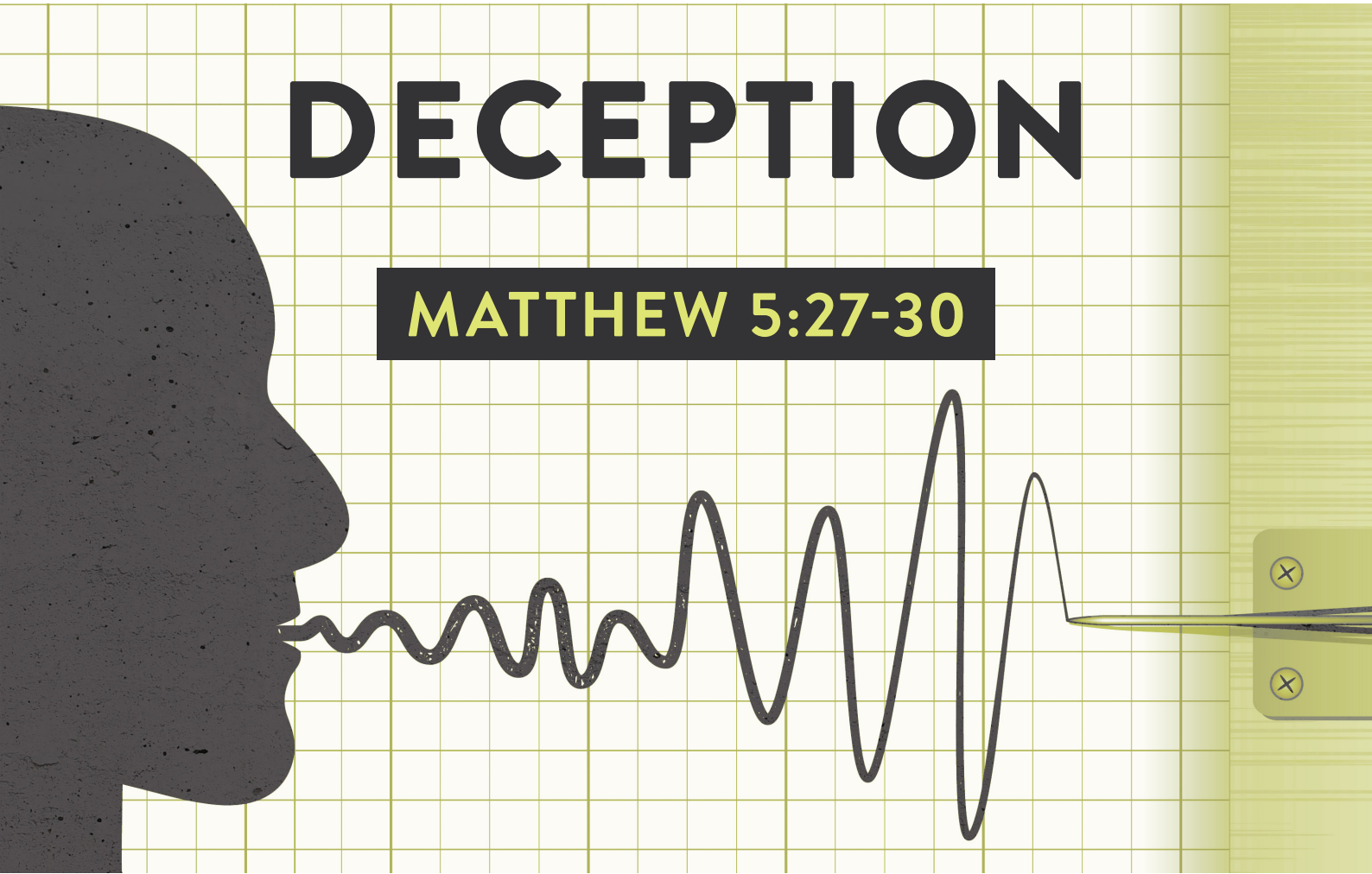


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COMMANDING  
>THE HEART<

# DECEPTION

MATTHEW 5:27-30



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***Have you ever wondered*** whether it might be okay to lie in some circumstances? Have you ever battled with how to use social media well? Or have you ever had no idea what to say to a friend who asks your advice about IVF?

The Centre for Christian Living (CCL) exists to help Christians bring the teaching of the Bible to bear on these sorts of questions and the many other moments of moral decision that we face day by day.

We do this through:

- our four public events each year (like the one you're at tonight);
- the library of audio, video and text resources we're building at **ccl.moore.com.au**;
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# COMMANDING THE HEART: **DECEPTION**

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## **PART 1: DECEPTION** (Tony Payne)

### 1. Deception: We're against it ...

### 2. What is Jesus for and against in Matthew 5?

“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 the evil one.” (Matt 5:33-37)

a. For integrity

b. Against Pharisaical “righteousness”

c. Against the law?

### 3. What was said to those of old

#### a. God, truth and the world

For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host. (Ps 33:4-6)

God is not man, that he should lie,  
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.

Has he said, and will he not do it?

Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfil it? (Num 23:19)

#### b. Lies and law

If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth. (Num 30:2)

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,  
but those who act faithfully are his delight. (Prov 12:22)

### c. The ongoing problem

Let everyone beware of his neighbour,  
and put no trust in any brother,  
for every brother is a deceiver,  
and every neighbour goes about as a slanderer.

<sup>5</sup> Everyone deceives his neighbour,  
and no one speaks the truth;  
they have taught their tongue to speak lies;  
they weary themselves committing iniquity.

<sup>6</sup> Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit,  
they refuse to know me, declares the LORD. (Jer 9:4-6)

Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone;  
for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.

<sup>2</sup> Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;  
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,  
the tongue that makes great boasts,

<sup>4</sup> those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail,  
our lips are with us; who is master over us?" (Ps 12:1-4)

## 4. But Jesus

### a. The truth of the world has come into the world

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.  
<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world  
did not know him ... <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of  
grace and truth. (John 1:9-10, 14)

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have  
not come to abolish them but to fulfil them." (Matt 5:17)

## b. Judging and saving from deceit

“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” (Mark 7:21-23)

## c. A new community of truth

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another. (Eph 4:25)

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Col 3:9-10)

## 5. Seeking the righteousness of integrity today

## PART 2: DISCUSSING PRACTICALITIES

## PART 3: Q&A

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