

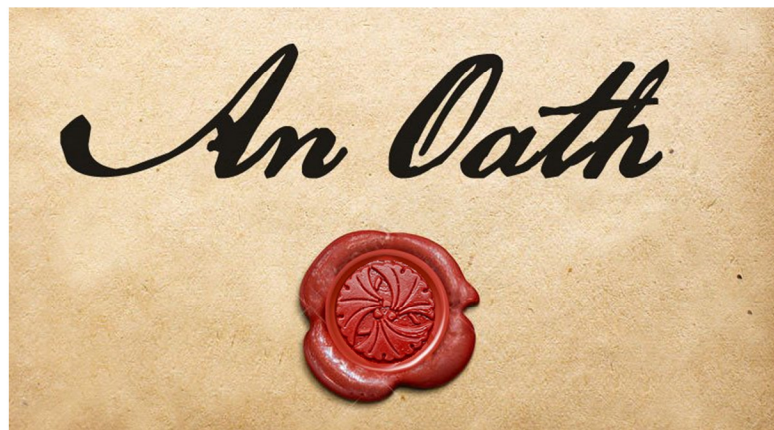


MY OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Nehemiah 10, Lesson #11

I solemnly make this promise to GOD

**my home, my bank, my job
the doctor, the pastor, the fireman,
the paramedic, the police, the mayor,
the president... all require:**



My Country, 'Tis of Thee by Samuel Francis Smith

Start guitar 5th string

D **A** **D** **A** **D**
My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.

D **A** **A7** **A**
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride.

D **A** **D**
From every mountain side let freedom ring!

D **A** **D** **A** **D**
My native country, thee, land of the noble free, Thy name I
love.

D **A** **A7** **A**
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills.

D **A** **D**
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

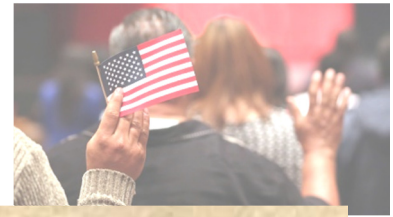
D **A** **D** **A** **D**
Our father's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.

D **A** **A7** **A**
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.

D **A** **D**
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR - 101

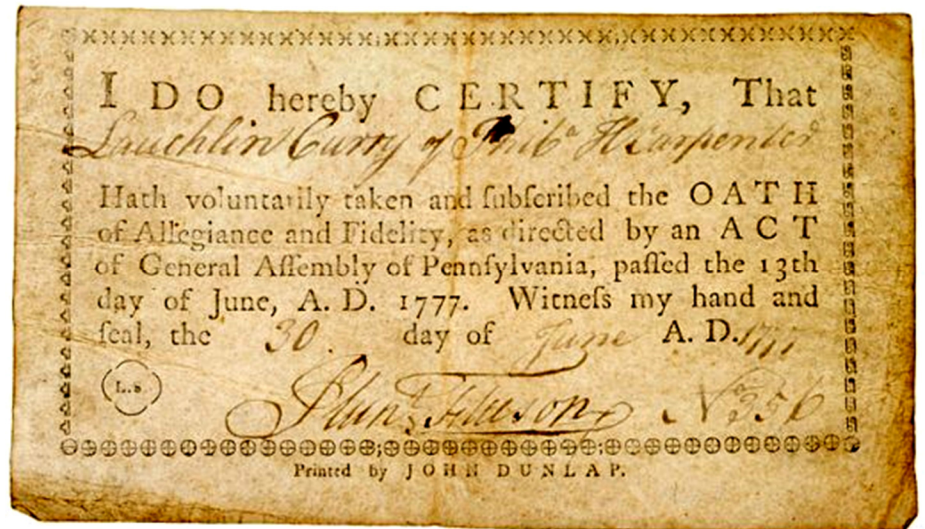
“because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it” Neh. 9:38
 Our country was founded and is established by the OATH of everyone.



EVERY PRESIDENT IN HISTORY SIGNED AN OATH AND SWORE UPON THE BIBLE



Every branch of government, every branch of the military, every state and local official must and has taken an oath of affirmation for their job.



U.S. Oath of Citizenship
I hereby declare, on oath that
 I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;

- that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;
- that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;
- that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by law;
- that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law;
- that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law;
- and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion;

so help me God.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
TO THE FLAG OF THE
United States of America
AND TO
REPUBLIC
it stands
Under
Indivisible, With LIBERTY
and justice for ALL

THE
FOR WHICH
ONE NATION
God

...so what did they OATH to in Nehemiah 10?

Nehemiah Chapter 10

1 Now those that sealed *were*, **Nehemiah**, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, 2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* **the priests**.

9 And **the Levites**: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; 10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 **The chief of the people**: Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani, 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, 18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, 19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, 20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub, 24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 And the rest of **the people**, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and **all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding**; 29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and **entered into a curse, and into an oath**, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; 30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons: 31 And **if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we**

would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that* we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 Also **we made ordinances for us**, to charge ourselves yearly with **the third part of a shekel** for the service of the house of our God; 33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God. 34 And **we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering**, to bring *it* into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as *it is* written in the law: 35 And **to bring the firstfruits of our ground**, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD: 36 Also **the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle**, as *it is* written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: 37 And *that* we should bring the **firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings**, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and **the tithes** of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and **the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God**, to the chambers, into the treasure house. 39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: **and we will not forsake the house of our God.**

Israel took an **IRREVERSIBLE COVENANT OATH!**

Nehemiah Chapter 10

This agreement is to their blessing or to their hurt, when they keep their covenant oath or not. The most correct way to say this is, **“They covenanted.”** I’m gonna use my country language liberty and say, **“THEY OATHED IT!”**

The Governor Oathed It – v. 1

Nehemiah, the Tirshatha (the Governor) A leader **MUST** lead by example! Jesus gave his life for us. **ALL** the Apostles and their disciples (except John) were brutally martyred. Read Foxes Book of Martyrs.

The Priests Oathed It – vs. 1-8

Zidkijah (Zedekiah) Seraiah (the family of Ezra) and every temple priest.

The Levites Oathed It – vs. 9-13

So I’m not on active duty. My lifestyle is never off duty!

The Chief of the People Oathed It – vs. 14-27

Grandpa Adonijah, Uncle Meshullam, that good businessman Shobek, my neighbor with the big family Hanan and someday me. **They all signed a COVENANT OATH. “My name is Jaddua, and I agree with this.”**

All the People Oathed It – v. 28

YES. They all confirmed. Church helpers, musicians, porters, that guy who looks like Paul Anka and helps every Thursday at church... **YES:** The wife, their sons, their daughters, **all agreed with understanding.**

What was that OATH?

Oath of the Law – vs. 29-30

“to walk in God’s law, which was given by Moses the servant of God”

“to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord”

“and his judgments and his statutes;”

“we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land”

This is a **HARD-CORE** commitment.

These is the entire books of Exodus, Lev. Num. & Deut!

Oath of the Sabbath – v. 31

Daycation day? **NO.** Dedicated rest and learning about God. It readies us for next week.

Oath of the Tithe – v. 32-37 *tithe means tenth*

“to charge ourselves yearly” a small tax for temple supplies

“we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people” for temple wood, bread, etc.

“we should bring the firstfruits” crops – bring it! People? **REDEEM IT** (Lev. 27) Things they make – **10%**

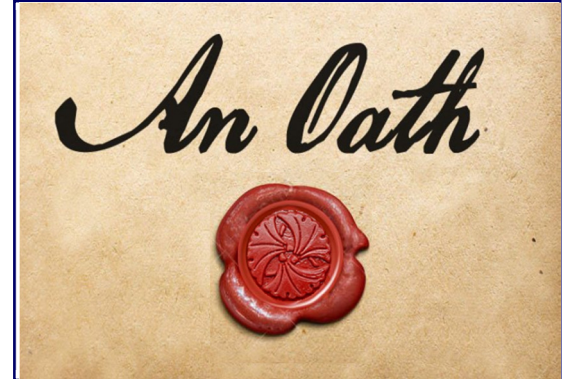
Oath of the Levites to tithe too – v. 38

Giving to God has not exception. **NONE.** Not the Chaplain, not the preacher, etc. **NO** exception.

James 4:17 “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

Hebrews 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Malachi 3:8 “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.”



The BIBLE said it

now I need to do it.

This is me and God and God says that I need to trust and obey.

PRAY DAILY

first thing and all day

READ MY BIBLE DAILY

first thing in the morning

GO TO CHURCH

first day of the week

GIVE TO CHURCH

first of your benefits, housing, food, cash

Follow my example

hold Aaron accountable - first

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house,

2 Cor. 9:6 "and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully"

MY WORD IS GOOD AS GOLD

In a world of actors and politicians, we need to be an example to trust
Ephesians 4:25 "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour"



HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS TO HELP US WITH OUR CREDIBILITY:

"But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee." Deuteronomy 23:22

WHEN YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BE THERE.
If you can't make it, call in advance.



BE THERE

"...swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth."
Numbers 30:2

DON'T CHANGE YOUR STORY IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOB.

If there is a problem, address it and get the task done..



BE STRAIGHT UP

"...For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed"
James 1:6

IF YOU CAN DO THE JOB, DO IT.

I will not think less of you if you can't do the job; but don't say it unless you can do it.

BE QUALIFIED



"But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.."
Matthew 5:37

LOOK PROFESSIONAL.
a clean appearance looks believable. the opposite is also true.



BE CLEAN

"for man looketh on the outward appearance"
1 Samuel 16:7

ONE SUBJECT AT A TIME

Be organized in your speaking and stick to one subject at a time.

THINK IT THROUGH – FIRST!

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7

LOOK ME IN THE FACE.
Its more than courteous; it shows your integrity through focus.

The EYES SAY EVERYTHING



"Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie." **Job 6:28**

