Question 2150) - What is the Kaffarah for breaking an oath?

A: Allaah has explained it in the Quraan as follows, "Allaah will Not punish you for unintentional oaths, but will punish you for deliberate oaths. Its Kaffarah is that you feed ten poor people of the average food you feed your family, or clothing them, or freeing a slave. He who does not find, should fast three days. That is the Kaffarah of when you make oaths [you do not fulfil].Guard your oaths. Thus Allaah explains your signs that you may be grateful." [al-Maidah:89]
Thus one has a choice between feeding ten poor people of the average food one feeds one's family, or clothing them, or freeing a slave. If one is unable to do any of these, then one must fast three consecutive days.

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