

Series: Honoring God in the 10 Commandments

Title: A Name Worth Reverencing

Text: (Ex 20:7)

Recap the Series so Far.

God Reveals Himself to us

God is the initiator in the Relationship

God gives the Instructions

God's Instructions are His Invitation to join in

God is more interested in "Being" than "Doing"

God reveals Himself to us through His Names –

Shakespeare said, "*What's in a name?*"

The name is a very important part of a person.

It is much more than just a means of Identification.

They are also a description of that Person!

Our Anglo/Saxon names also have their roots in our families occupation – "Smith, Plummer, Carpenter, etc."

Bible names had significance.

Their names expressed the character traits of a person

Many times, children were named months later so as to see what characteristics they had.

Often times they were given a 2nd name after a significant event happened that changed their lives.

Illus: Abram-Abraham – God was changing what He was doing with this man.

Jacob-Israel – Cheater to Prince with God.

Simon-Peter ~ *To Be Heard* – *to - The Rock*

Joses-Barnabous ~ *He will add* - *The Encourager*

Illus: We all get nicknames – "Lefty" "Blonde"

Phil 2:9 "*A name above every name*"

Acts 4:12 "*No other name*"

Most of us have a First, Middle, Last, & a Nickname

Each one has Meaning

Illus: How we named the Boys.

Names mean something in the Bible.

Not just as an Identifier, but a description,

There are 625 direct names in the Bible for God.

There are several other times He references himself as a definition, like HE Who ...

How Names are used is very Important.

Jesus summed up the 10 Comm: (Matt 22:35-40)

It all is predicated on our love for God: (Deut 6:5)

How speak God's Name is a Part of Our Worship.

How speak God's Name Display our love for Him.

3rd Commandment

(Ex 20:7) ***Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.***

This is Not a Request, but a Command.

Explain a Copyright.

How, When, How Often something is used.

God has Copyrighted His Name!

He determined How We Use His Name.
When We can Use His Name.
Tying His name to a Request or Command.

(Ex 20:7) Vain~Empty, w/o Consequence

To Treat God's name as a Common or Profane thing:

It Denies His Deity by Denying His Holiness:
Uncleanness in our life declares that God is Unholy.

It Stems from a Lack of Reverence for God Himself:
Illus: I do not let me son's speak disrespectfully to their mother.
(Prov 30:11-12,17)

Irreverence for God is experienced from a Wicked Mouth,
but it Stems from a Wicked Heart:
(Ps 36:1) *The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

(Matt 15:18) *But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.*

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God will NOT Forget! (Matt 12:36-37)

God Will NOT Forgive!

(Lev 24:15) *And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.*

What is Taking the Name of God in Vain?

By False Provocation ~ Blasphemy:

Blasphemy is Intensional Defiance of God.

(Lev 24:16) *And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.*

Blasphemy Shows Utter Contempt for God:

Men do Not Blaspheme the One they Love:

Illus: I do not let my boys speak evil of their mother.

I encourage them not to let others speak evil of their mother either!

Taking the Name of God in Vain...

By False Promises: "I Swear to you..."

Saying we are going to & knowing we are NOT going to.
Saying We DID, When we Didn't.
Saying We Didn't When we DID.

(Is 48:1) *Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.*

Taking the Name of God in Vain...

By False Pretenses:

"I Swear to God"

"I would swear on the Bible"

Jesus Commands us against Swearing Oaths:

(Matt 5:33-37)

For Credence

People Tie God's name to theirs because their name isn't worth believing.

See this allot when making a big purchase.

"I am a Christian too!"

If we had been honest in the past, we wouldn't need God's name as a guarantee to persuade people to believe us.

(James 5:12) *But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.*

For Consent

Tying God's name to a request as if you had His Approval in Advance.

(Lev 19:12) *And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.*

Church Sign *"Jesus had 2 dads & it was acceptable"*

That's not different to us saying: *"I feel led"*

"God would Understand"

"I Believe God wants this for me"

Does it say that in the Bible?

"Chapter & Verse, Please"

For Commendation: People Tie God's name to theirs So they will appear Spiritual. or at least more spiritual than you.

(Matt 7:21-23)

Preacherism:

"Your Words and Yours Works need to Match"

Taking the Name of God in Vain...

By False Prophecies: (Jer 14:14) *Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.*

In the OT is Said: *Thus Saith the Lord:* 200Times.

Meaning: *"My Words are God's Words."*

(1 Jn 4:1) *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

The Desire to Fill Buildings, Sell Books & Podcasts.

Necessitates they find something NEW to say.

(Ecc 1:9) *No New Thing Under the Sun.*

Don't Follow a Different Jesus.

Cults Preach a Created Jesus, not Jesus the Creator.

People Set Dates for the End of the World.

Jesus said: *"No Man Knows the Day or the hour, not even him, only the Father in heaven"*.

People Allegorize/Spiritualize the scripture to mean something different. (Is 8:20)

Taking the Name of God in Vain...

By Filthy Profanity:

Preacherism:

"Profanity is a weak mind trying to express itself."

Using His name in Profanity

(Lev 19:12b) *neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.*

God's last name is Not "Damn It".

OF COURSE YOU WOULD NEVER SAY THAT!

What about Christian Cussing!

OMG, Gosh, Jeesh, Dang, Dang it, Dang burnit, Dad Gunit.
Dang blast it, etc.

**Teach Your Kids to not Take the Lords's Name in Vain.
Model Reverence/Respect for His name by Not Cussing!**

Using His name in a Profane way:

(Eph 5:3-4) *foolish talking, Jestng*
God is not to be joked about.

Thats how we take the Name of God in Vain!

False Provocation

False Promises

False Pretenses

False Prophecies.

Filthy Profanity

With every Negative there is a Positive in there Bible:

Instead of taking the Lord's Name in Vain, we are to be...

Taking the Lord's Name in Victory:

By Treating it with Respect & Reverence it as Holy!

(Matt 6:9) *Our Father, ... Hallowed By thy Name,*

We are Taking the Lord's Name in Victory by...

Praising His Name: (Reverence Him).

(Rev 19:5) *Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.*

(Ps 111:9) *holy and reverend is his name.*

(Ps 72:17-19)

(Ps 113) Tells us Why We are to Praise His Name:

Vs 4a: High Above the Nations:

We Praise His Name b/c His Authority Is higher than man made government.

(Vs 4b) *and his glory above the heavens.*

We Praise His Name b/c He is of Greater Glory than best Sunrise/Sunset, Stars, Ect.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

We Praise His Name b/c He is the Only God their IS, & He is above all things.

6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

We Praise His Name b/c He cares about the least of us.

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

We Praise His Name b/c He is the one who cares for and provides for us.

8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

We Praise His Name b/c He ordains all Authorities.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

We Praise His Name b/c He gives us an heritage.

Ex 20:7 Why we are to reverence His name.

We need to Pay Attention to the names God uses to reveal Himself.

We are Taking the Lord's Name in Victory by...

Living His Names By Faith:

(Col 3:17) *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

Jehovah – Ex 6:3 *El Shaddia – God Almighty!*

Jehovah'-Elohim -The Eternal Creator, not make junk.

Jehovah-Jireh – The Lord our Provider:

Jehovah-Nissi –The Lord our Banner (My Identity)

Jehovah-Ropheka -- The Lord our Healer

Jehovah-Shalom –The Lord our Peace

Jehovah-Tsidkenu–The Lord our Righteousness

Jehovah-Mekaddishkem The Lord our Sanctifier: Purpose

Jehovah-Sabaoth – The Lord of Hosts: My Protector

Jehovah-Shammah - The Lord is Present: Never Alone

Jehovah-Rohi -- The Lord our Shepherd: My Guide

Jehovah-Hoseenu -- The Lord our Maker: He Knows Me.

Jehovah-Eloheenu -- The Lord our God: My Sovereign

Glorify His Name By Our Obedience:

Show all that meet you that He is Lord by your obedience.

When you disobey God's Commands you deny His Deity.

You Proclaim to the all that know you that He is not God, because, "Look at Me, I don't have to obey Him."

(Ex 5:2) "Who is the Lord that I should obey Him "

(Num 32:23) "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. "

(1 Cor 3:17) He'll Destroy You!

Maybe he is long suffering to you now,

but in the quietness of a hospital room,

or a funeral home,

HIS DEITY WILL BE PROCLAIMED,

as His patience for your mocking Him will have been exhausted.

Then all Heaven will know who is the Lord?

We are Taking the Lord's Name in Victory by...

Living for His Glory of his Name: (1 Cor 10:31)

Give Him the credit:

Live in such a way that those who meet you know you are different.

That God is all Powerful.

We don't have to follow the World.

People ought to see something that they don't have & want it

We are Taking the Lord's Name in Victory by...

Glorify God in your body: (1 Cor 6:20)

What are you communicating with what you wear?

What are you communicating by how you act toward the opposite sex? Cheap, or worth winning?

What desires am I communicating by my behavior?

Do I want the things of God, or the World?

Do I Love the Lord or Myself?

A Lover of Pleasures or a Lover of God.

We are Taking the Lord's Name in Victory by...

Living for the Glory of God with all your Heart:

(Col 3:23) *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;*

Only a true heart to the Lord will be rewarded.

(Col 3:24) *Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

We are Taking the Lord's Name in Victory by...

Glorifying God in your Attitude:

STOP THE NEGATIVE SELF TALK!

Start telling yourself the TRUTH about GOD!

(Ps 42:5) *Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.*

(Ps 42:11) *Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.*

Its time for a Checkup from the Neck up.

Time to change what you Think about?

(Phil 4:8) *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely,*

whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Your attitude will be the fruit of what your heart is like toward the Glory of God.

If your only goal is Pretence: to get Mom & Dad off your back, it will show. God already knows, but it will come out and your friends will know that you are a hypocrite.

You are taking the Lord's Name in Vain!

Parents, where are you in this? They are not going to follow through if you don't live pure. You buy the clothes, control the TV; you control the radio, what friends they are allowed.

Are Taking the Lord's Name in Vain? or in Victory?

You Reap What you Sow: (Gal 6:7-9)

Sow Righteousness: & Sow a lot. (2 Cor 9:6) *He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

Your kids will take on your inconsistencies toward the things of God and take them to excess.

Mom and Dad, You have to live pure too:

It's not to late, come down to the altar and have a family meeting tonight.

Apologize to your kids for not being consistent and the whole family get on track for God.

**We can't be hiding personal sins in our closet and expect our kids to lead the family in this area.
GOD's Name & God's Glory is Worth It!**

Make the commitment with them Today To Live in Take God's Name in Victory!

Let's Take the Name of God in Victory!