

HONOR GOD'S NAME – Part 2, Ex 20:7, 5/16/21

C. Ceremonies to draw us near to God

1. Daily- devotions, regular prayer times-
 - David- 7x- rise, eat, coffee, sleep- 7x a day- Ps 119:164
 - Daniel – 3x- Dnl 6:10
2. Weekly Sabbath- rest & worship, communion- Acts 20:7
3. Yearly- 3 festivals- Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles- barley, wheat, final harvest
 - Today- Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving
4. 7 Years- cancel debts, read the Law publicly, no planting
5. 50 years- return all land to original families, no planting

D. Our Ceremony

1. Idols to demolish

- a. M_____
- b. A_____
- c. T_____
- d. F_____
- e. Your idols- what do you overvalue? What has control over your life?

- 1 Th 1:6 You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God

2. Communion- where does Jesus need to be in control?

- ❖ What's God saying to you? - write it down, pray it back, share it with others!

- Ex 20² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- Pro 18¹⁰ The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
- Mal 1¹¹ My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the LORD YAHWEH Almighty.
- Mt 6:9 “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
- Rom 10¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

❖ **QUICK REWIND-** Don't take God's name in vain- 3 degrees of “in vain”

- 1st degree- to destroy- blaspheme- treating God as an e_____
- 2nd degree- to use falsely- false oaths, curses & hypocrisy- treating God as a supposed f_____ - false use of Bible, prayer, “God spoke to me, gave me peace”
- 3rd degree- to use lightly- cussing, profanity- treating God c_____

❖ **DIGGING DEEPER-** What is God's name?

A. God's special name in the OT- LORD = Yahweh, I am who I am

Ex 3¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘The LORD, YAHWEH, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

B. God's special name in the NT – A_____ Father

- Mk 14³⁶ “Abba, Father,” Jesus said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”
- Rom 8¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”
- Gal 4⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”
- What 3 persons use God's special name?

C. Jesus' special name

1. The Scriptures

- Mt 1²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
- Acts 4¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”
- Rom 10¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
- Php 2⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2. The Question- Is it Jesus or Yeshua???

D. The 4th degree of taking “in vain”

Degree	Definition of “In Vain”	Actions	View of God
1 st	Destroy	Blaspheme, curse God	Enemy- not lover
2 nd	Use falsely	Lie, curse, live falsely, misusing Bible, prayer, God spoke to me	Friend- not Lord
3 rd	Use lightly	Cuss, profanity, OMG	Casual- not glorious
4 th	Seldom use	God but not Abba Father, Jesus	Lord- not I _____

- To NOT use God’s special names is to treat Him as Lord, but not as L_____ - we are slaves but not beloved. Respect without closeness still disrespects God!

❖ **BIG QUESTIONS**

1. What’s God’s goal? -

- Individually- To love us, and for us to love Him, truth & others Ex 20:2, 3ff.
- Corporately- a j_____ society, family, church
- Evangelistically- to know Jesus and make Him known

2. Why does God so value His name? - God’s name is who He is, what He does, how He relates to us and us to Him- over 270 names of God in the Bible
3. What happens when we honor His name? - He puts our name in the book of life and His name on our forehead and we value Him, others and truth. His glory- our good!!
4. What happens when we dishonor God’s name? - We soon dishonor truth and others and face God’s judgement. Anger, malice, lawsuits abound- Hos 10:4, Rom 1:28-32
5. In what 4 ways can we take God’s name in vain?
 - Treating God as an enemy- blaspheme, destroy
 - Treating God as a supposed friend- false oaths, curses and hypocrisy
 - Treating God casually- cussing, profanity, OMG
 - Treating God as Lord only, and not as Lover- Yahweh, Abba Father, Jesus
6. How do these first 3 commandments fit together? God wants to be our loving Lord as we...
 - No other Gods- give God our heart- God and God alone
 - No idols- give God our hands & heads- don’t try to control God with your images & thoughts
 - No taking His name in vain- give God our lips- don’t try to control Him with words, honor His name
7. How can we honor Yahweh’s name today? As a ...
 - Convert- repent, believe, call on His name
 - Worshipper- pray, exalt, rejoice in His name
 - Follower- trust & obey His name, tell the truth & keep your promises
 - Ambassador- proclaim His name
 - Intimate friend- use His name,- Abba Father, Lord Jesus

❖ **THE POWER OF A CEREMONY**

- A. We need constant ceremonies to d_____ idols and draw us close to God
- B. Ceremonies- to demolish idols
 1. Abraham takes Isaac to the altar- Gen 22
 2. Jacob buries the family idols- Gen 35
 3. Moses grinds the golden calf and makes the people drink it- Ex 32:20
 4. Israel was to break, smash & burn the Canaanite idols- Dt 7:5
 5. NT believers burned their magic books- Acts 19