

- Php 2<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

✓ 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!

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1. What's God's goal? - To love us, and for us to love Him, truth & others Ex 20:2, 3ff
  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 as insignificant- cussing, profanity
    - Treat God as Lord only, and not as Lover and Lord- Yahweh, Abba Father, Jesus
  6. How do these first 3 commandments fit together? God wants to be our Lord as we...
    - No other Gods- giving God our heart- God and God alone
    - No idols- giving God our hands & heads- don't try to control God with your images & thoughts
    - No taking His name in vain- giving 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
    - As a worshipper- pray, exalt, rejoice in His name
    - As a follower- trust & obey His name, tell the truth & keep your promises
    - As an ambassador- proclaim His name
    - As an intimate friend- use His name,- Abba Father, Lord Jesus
- ❖ WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU?

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

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#### I. PROFOUND PARALLELISM

	Subject	Verb	Object
3 <sup>RD</sup> Command	You	Do not take in vain	The name of the LORD Yahweh your God
Reason- "For"	the LORD Yahweh	Will not hold guiltless	Anyone who takes His name in vain

- Point- If you misuse God's name, He will j\_\_\_\_\_ you.

#### II. DEEP DEFINITIONS

A. You shall not TAKE-

B. In VAIN- 3 levels

1. First Degree- destroy God's name- b\_\_\_\_\_, mock, ridicule, deny, disown
  - a. Treating God (truth, others) as the e\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 12<sup>8</sup> "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup> But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup> And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>11</sup> "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, <sup>12</sup> for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

Acts 26<sup>11</sup> Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities. (I Tim 1:13)

– Solution- don't see God as your enemy but Lord- praise, proclaim, submit, obey

- b. Treating God as the enemy leads us to treat others same too
- Ex 22<sup>28</sup> "Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people.

- Ex 21<sup>15</sup> “Whoever strikes his father or his mother must be put to death. <sup>17</sup> “Whoever curses his father or his mother or treats them contemptuously must be put to death.

c. Profanity, vulgarity, obscenity- rape, defecate, birth, parents

Eph 4<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

– Profanity- same spirit- to d\_\_\_\_\_ the image of God

2. Second Degree- use God’s name falsely

– Treating God (truth, others) as a supposed f\_\_\_\_\_

a. False oaths in God’s name

- Ex 20<sup>16</sup> “You shall not testify falsely [that is, lie, withhold, or manipulate the truth] against your neighbor (any person).
- Lev 19<sup>11</sup> ‘You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. <sup>12</sup> You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.
- Num 30<sup>2</sup> When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge (promise), he must not break his word but must do everything he himself said.
- Ps 15<sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; <sup>4</sup> who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;  
- Solution- keep your promises and your word!

b. False curses in God’s name

- Mt 5<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Idiot,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.
- Jas 3<sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

c. False living in God’s name- hypocrisy- causes others to mock God’s name (1<sup>st</sup> degree)

- Rom 2<sup>23</sup> You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? <sup>24</sup> As it is written: “God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

3. Third Degree- use God’s name flippantly, casually, insignificant

– Treating God (truth, others) and our word as insignificant- OMG, didn’t put it in writing

- Mt 5<sup>33</sup> “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <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 swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.
- Mal 2<sup>10</sup> Do we not all have one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our ancestors by being unfaithful to one another? <sup>13</sup> You flood the LORD’s altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. <sup>14</sup> You ask, “Why?” It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. <sup>16</sup> “The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “does violence to the one he should protect,” says the LORD Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

C. The NAME of the LORD your God

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

Ex 3<sup>14</sup> 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.’” <sup>15</sup> 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.

2. God’s special name in the NT – A\_\_\_\_\_ Father, J\_\_\_\_\_

- Rom 8<sup>15</sup> 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.”
- Mt 1<sup>21</sup> 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.”