

A True Relationship!

Exodus 20:3 (NKJV) "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Exodus 20:7 (NKJV) "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.

Judges 2:11-12 (NASB95) Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals, and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers...

Forsook: h5800. בָּזַק 'āzab; a primitive root; - forsake 129; to leave, to depart from, leave behind...

I. To Take in Vain

Exodus 20:7 "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.

Vain: h7723. אִישׁוֹן šāwe'; or אִישׁוֹן shav; from the same as 7722 in the sense of desolating; (vain 22 time); emptiness, vanity, falsehood, emptiness of speech, lying, worthlessness (of conduct).

The "name" of God stands for so much more than the mere pronouncing of His title of address. It includes **His nature, being, and very person.**

John 1:12 (AMP) But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—

Acts 11:25-26 (NLT) Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. **(It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)**

Romans 10:9-10 (NASB 2020) ...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord... **If you confess Him (AS) Lord!**

Lord: g2962. κύριος kyrios; from κύριος kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master.

So when people say that Jesus is Lord and do not give Him supreme authority over their lives, they have taken His name in Vain!

II. All about the Pursuit

*****Acts 17:27-28 (NLT)** "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him—though He is not far from any one of us. **For in Him we live and move and exist.**

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

It not about perfection, it's about PERSISTENCE!!

Proverbs 8:17 (NASB 2020) "I love those who love me; **And those who diligently seek me will find me.**

It's not just saying you love God; it's actually pursuing Him diligently!

SHOW EXAMPLE ON WHITEBOARD!!

Your devotion is measured by your pursuit of Him!

Matthew 7:21 (NASB 2020) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.**

NO excuses either!

*****Matthew 25:11 (NASB95)** "Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' **"But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'**

It's about persistence, attentiveness, and devotion!

Luke 6:46 (NASB95) "**Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?**

*****Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)** *You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.*

Kari Jobe sang a song about it THE MORE I SEEK YOU!

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Psalms 14:2 (ESV) The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

Psalms 119:2 (NASB 2020) Blessed are those who comply with His testimonies, And seek Him with all their heart.