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## Revere God's Presence | Written in Stone

### Exodus 20:1-2, 7

#### What is the THIRD commandment and why does it matter?

God has set us free so we can live free. If we have prioritized God in our life, we will be able to filter everything after that to determine whether or not it serves us to serve Him. If God doesn't have priority in our heart, we will not be the "images of God" He created us to be. Next up, does God have PRIORITY in our speech? Does what comes out of our mouths represent God well?

God had set the Israelite FREE...so they could live free, enjoying the peace, prosperity and blessing of living in a covenant relationship with Him. Again, the 10 Commandments don't save us...but they do reveal our deep need for Jesus...who perfectly fulfills his summary of all the laws, to love God and to love people. He did perfectly!

**Exodus 20:1-2 & 7:** *Then God gave the people all these instructions: 2 "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery...7 "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.*

**We must not misuse God's name.** → WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT EARNING SALVATION. We are already set free.

- Misuse (אָפּוֹת): lift, take, carry... → When Tara & I got married, she took my name. Kids...
- God's name represents HIM. → We rep. God bc we have His name. → Adopted (Rom. 8:15) / "Christians" (Acts 11:26)

**We misuse God's name when we misrepresent Him.** → **We misrepresent God when we...**

- ...profane His name. → ...but its just a word!? NO! His name! → "Oh Buddha!" → Names are a big deal. → Placenta
  - **GOD:** The use of "Jehovah" is a result of combining the consonants of the Tetragrammaton (Hebrew name of God: YHWH or יהוה) with the vowels of the Hebrew word "Adonai" (אֲדֹנָי), which means "Lord" or "Master."
  - **JESUS:** Gospels: Teacher/Lord... "Jesus" only by demons. // 21 Epistles: = 28 Teacher/Lord...484 as Teacher/Lord. → Name to Title vs. Title to name → California Church Culture → Jesus = "Yahweh is salvation."
- ...drag his name into our affairs. → "I swear to G-d, ill do it! → Let your yes be yes & your no be NO (Mt. 5:37).
- ...represent Him falsely. → Stop saying, God told me...if God didn't tell you! → Mazda Mx-3
- ...pretend its for Him, but its really for us. → Business Owner...put a fish on your google ad but don't have integrity.
- ...don't back up our talk with our walk. → Hypocrisy. → From Greek word hypokrites, "an actor/stage performer" → LITERAL meaning: "an interpreter from underneath." → Actors spoke from behind masks. → Is. 29:13
- ...speak about God falsely. → False doctrine...
- ...when we do evil. → We have ALL misrepresented God. → And THAT is why Jesus REPRESENTS us. → Dad's flag.
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**When REVERE God's Presence, we will not misrepresent Him...AS MUCH.** → When we experience God...

- **Luke 5:1-8:** Peter says, "Get away from me... → When i was baptized in the HS...i had no appetite for sin.
- Meditate → Names of God / 21 Days of God's character...tools below. → Jesus on prayer (Mt. 6:9): "Hallowed be..."
- Marinate → Worship God. → Rest/enjoy/immerse/soak/steep/roast/relax/refresh/draw near/abide. → Mikvah
- **Punish?:** If we refuse to revere God now, God will give us what we revere.

**We REVERES God's Presence in world that profanes Him.**

**TALK ABOUT IT - Questions to GROW through with family, friends, & myself.**

1. What does my first name mean? What does my last name mean? What are the values my parents taught me?
2. What does it mean to misuse God's name? What ways do I misuse God's name in my life?
3. Why is it significant that we bear God's name and how we represent Him reflects on His reputation?
4. What are some ways we can represent God well? What happens if we don't?
5. **PRAYER:** "Father, help us to revere Your Presence in a world that profanes you!"

## TEACHING NUGGETS:

### Why commandments? What is the purpose of the Law?

1. **Revealing God's Holiness:** Exodus 20:7-8 (NLT) - "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name. Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."
2. **Establishing God's Covenant:** Exodus 34:28 (NLT) - "Moses remained there on the mountain with the Lord forty days and forty nights. In all that time, he ate no bread and drank no water. And the Lord wrote the terms of the covenant—the Ten Commandments—on the stone tablets."
3. **Guiding Moral and Ethical Behavior:** Exodus 20:12 (NLT) - "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you."
4. **Maintaining Social Order:** Exodus 21:23-25 (NLT) - "But if there is further injury, the punishment must match the injury: a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot."
5. **Revealing God's Will:** Psalm 119:105 (NLT) - "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."
6. **Teaching Love and Compassion:** Leviticus 19:18 (NLT) - "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."
7. **Revealing Humanity's Sinfulness:** Romans 3:20 (NLT) - "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are."
8. **Pointing to Christ:** Galatians 3:24 (NLT) - "Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith."

## TOOLS TO USE:

### Download Prayer Guide: "may your name be kept holy."

1. Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord my Righteousness [Jeremiah 23:6]
2. Jehovah Jireh – The Lord my Provider [Genesis 22:14]
3. Jehovah Shalom – The Lord my Peace [Judges 6:24]
4. Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is here, present [Ezekiel 48:35]
5. Jehovah Nissi – The Lord my Victory, Banner [Exodus 17:15]
6. Jehovah Rohi – The Lord my Shepherd [Psalm 23:1]
7. Jehovah Rophe – The Lord my Healer [Exodus 15:25]
8. Jehovah Elohim – The Lord Creator [Genesis 1:1]
9. Jehovah M'Kaddish – The Lord my Sanctifier [Leviticus 20:8]

## MEDITATE: 21 Days of the Attributes of God:

1. **Eternal:** God exists outside of time. - Isaiah 57:15 - "The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: 'I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.'"
2. **Omnipotent:** God is all-powerful. - Jeremiah 32:17 - "O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!"
3. **Omniscient:** God is all-knowing. - Psalm 147:5 - "How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!"
4. **Omnipresent:** God is everywhere. - Psalm 139:7-10 - "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me."
5. **Immutable:** God does not change. - Malachi 3:6 - "I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed."
6. **Holy:** God is perfectly pure and set apart. - Isaiah 6:3 - "They were calling out to each other, 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!'"
7. **Just:** God is perfectly fair and righteous. - Psalm 89:14 - "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants."
8. **Merciful:** God shows compassion and forgiveness. - Psalm 103:8 - "The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."
9. **Gracious:** God gives undeserved favor. - Ephesians 2:8-9 - "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."
10. **Loving:** God is characterized by love. - 1 John 4:16 - "We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them."
11. **Patient:** God is slow to anger. - 2 Peter 3:9 - "The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent."
12. **Wise:** God is infinitely wise. - Romans 16:27 - "All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen."
13. **Good:** God is inherently good. - Psalm 34:8 - "Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!"

14. **Provider:** God meets our needs. - Philippians 4:19 - "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."
15. **Sovereign:** God is in control of all things. - Daniel 4:35 - "All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, 'What do you mean by doing these things?'"
16. **Truthful:** God is the source of Truth. - John 14:6 - "Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'"
17. **Faithful:** God is faithful to His promises. - 2 Timothy 2:13 - "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."
18. **Majestic:** God is glorious and majestic. - Psalm 8:1 - "O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens."
19. **Jealous:** God desires our exclusive devotion. - Exodus 34:14 - "You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you."
20. **Compassionate:** God is full of compassion and empathy for His creation. - Psalm 145:8 - "The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."
21. **Counselor:** God provides guidance and wisdom. - Isaiah 9:6 - "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

## VIDEOS:



## QUOTES / SONGS:

- "Approximately **43% of the Bible is made up of narrative**, from historical narrative to parables. Roughly **33% of the Bible is poetry**, including songs, reflective poetry, and the passionate, politically resistant poetry of the prophets. The remaining **24% of the Bible is prose discourse**, including laws, sermons, letters, and even one essay." - **The Bible Project**
- "Let the name of God rule over our speech, for we should not say whatever we wish but only what He wishes." - **Augustine of Hippo** (354–430 AD)
- "A Christian must be courteous to all. His words and deeds should breathe with the grace of the Holy Spirit, which abides in his soul, so that in this way he will glorify the name of God." - **John Chrysostom** (c. 349–407 AD)
- "The way we use God's name reflects the condition of our hearts and our relationship with Him." - **A.W. Tozer**
- "The name of God is too holy to be taken in vain, and too powerful to be spoken without consequence." - **Max Lucado**
- "When we use God's name carelessly or as an exclamation, we diminish its sacredness and miss an opportunity to honor Him." - **Billy Graham**

## ARTICLES / BOOKS:

- "**Ten Words to Live By: Delighting in and Doing What God Commands**": but Jen Wilkin

## SCRIPTURES: New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.

- **Psalm 1:1** - Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.
- **Psalm 1:2** - But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.
- **Psalm 1:3** - 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.
- **Galatians 5:1** - So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.
- **John 10:10** - The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.
- **John 14:15** - "If you love me, obey my commandments.
- **Mark 12:29-31** - 29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your

strength.' 31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

- **Matthew 5:17** - "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.
- **Romans 8:15**: So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."
- **Acts 11:26**: 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.)
- **Matthew 5:37**: 37 Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.
- **Isaiah 29:13**: "And so the Lord says, 'These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.'"
- **Matthew 6:9**: Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.
- **Exodus 20:1-17** - Then God gave the people all these instructions:  
2 "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.  
3 "You must not have any other god but me.  
4 "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.  
5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.  
7 "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.  
8 "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 You have six days each week for your ordinary work,  
10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.  
12 "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.  
13 "You must not murder.  
14 "You must not commit adultery.  
15 "You must not steal.  
16 "You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.  
17 "You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."

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