## Lovin the Law – Something About That Name

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**Matthew 1:21 (NIV)** - "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".

**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".

**"vain"** = 1) "having or showing an excessively high opinion of one's appearance, abilities, or worth" 2) "producing no result; useless" – *Google Dictionary* 

"vain" = Hebrew shav - "emptiness; vanity"

**Leviticus 24:15-16 (NIV)** – "Anyone who curses their God will be held responsible; anyone who blasphemes the name of the Lord is to be put to death. The entire assembly must stone them. Whether foreigner or native-born, when they blaspheme the Name they are to be put to death".

**Matthew 6:9 (NIV)** – "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name'".

**Luke 12:4-5 (NIV)** – "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear Him".

**Exodus 20:7 (MSG)** – "No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter; God won't put up with the irreverent use of His name".

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**Ephesians 5:3-4 (NIV)** – "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving".

"We reverence God and we hallow God's name when our life is such that it brings honor to God and attracts others to Him" – *William Barclay* 

**Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)** – "The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe".

**Exodus 20:7 (NIV)** – "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name".

**James 1:13-15 (NIV)** – "When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me'. For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death".

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**Jeremiah 29:4-9 (NIV)** – "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 'Build house and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper'. Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them', declares the Lord".

**Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV)** – "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy".

"God and man each conceal sin – God in free unbounded grace, man in shame and hypocrisy" – *Charles Bridges*