



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Series: God's Top Ten

Today: Name Above All Names: Honoring God in Speech and Life (Commandment #3)

Scripture: Exodus 20:7; Matthew 6:9; James 5:12

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"Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language." - Dale Carnegie

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."

How we handle the name of the Lord m_____.

Leviticus 24:16 (NIV)

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.

What exactly is forbidden by the Third Commandment?

• We are forbidden from taking the name of God in a manner that is w_____, w_____ or for wrong purposes.

Old Testament identifies several ways in which the 3rd commandment could be b_____.

1. To b_____ or curse the name of God

2. Making empty or f_____ oaths. (Leviticus 19:12, James 5:12)

3. Falsely claiming to speak on God's b_____. (Jeremiah 23:25)

What's the big deal about God's name?

Exodus 3:13-14 (NIV)

13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

- God's n_____ is who he is; it is a part of him.

John 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- **God's name is exalted in the highest terms possible in Old and New Testament.**
(Matthew 6:9, Acts 4:12, Romans 10:13, Philippians 2:10-11)

How can we o_____ this commandment with our own lives? When do we break this law?

1. When we take up the name of God in service of what is f_____.

- Whenever we attach God's name to l_____ or half truths, we break the law.
- When we use "God" to add credence or a_____ to our ideas, plans, or opinions.

2. When we take up the name of God in service of what is f_____. (Matthew 6:7)

- Jesus' concern is not for p_____ speech, but purity of heart.
- Frivolous use of God's name would include using "God" or "Jesus Christ" as c_____ words.
- **It says something about our attitude toward God if we can throw his name around so l_____ or c_____.**

3. When we take up the name of God in service of what is p_____.

- How do you approach w_____.
- How do we represent God as his name-bearers?

Simple summary of the Third Commandment

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

We obey the third commandment by living as Christians, by speaking and doing everything according to our family name. For when we do it in Christ, for Christ, and through Christ - we show that his is the name we value, the name we love, and the name that is above all names.

- Kevin DeYoung, The 10 Commandments