

How should we then live?



#thePLEDGE is a series on the Ten Commandments to guide us through this season:

— Read Exodus 20:1-17

— Review: “I, *being* the LORD your GOD...#1-3.”

#1 – No false concepts of GOD (*internal*) – Exodus 20:1-3

#2 – No false images of GOD (*external*) – Exodus 20:4-6

#3 – No irreverent use of GOD’s name (*internal* & *external*) – Exodus 20:7

— Today: #3 – No irreverent use of GOD’s name – Exodus 20:7

- Why this command is written in the negative – what it forbids

- The positive this command produces – reverent worship

- The result of walking out this command by faith – great confidence

Application Questions



Note: Application of GOD's Word is done best in community. As a church of small groups, in our seeking of the LORD's will, we focus on *Unity in the Essentials, Liberty in the Non-Essentials,* and *Charity* toward one another *in All Things*.

Application Questions:

1. When you think of the name of the LORD, what comes to mind in your heart?
2. Read Exodus 20:7 – when you hear people loosely use one of GOD's names or titles, how does this make you feel and what is your normal response?
3. Obedience (to law) is something that some Christians have a hard time with. And likewise, legalism is to be avoided. But true Christian faith is based in law and the gospel. How does law and the gospel work together?

(To help the discussion along, perhaps differentiate between Justification and Sanctification – both are necessary parts of salvation. So how does Justification and the gospel work together? And how does sanctification and obedience work together?)

(Is there anything missing?)

4. If the ultimate goal is to have your words match your reverence for GOD in your heart, then how (or why) is faith necessary to combine with this commandment in order to obey it?