



Lecture # 11 Part 2

The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man’s Duty to God (Part 3): Commandment Three Concerns God’s Name— Never Misuse God’s Name; Never Use Profanity or Vulgarity, Exodus 20:7.

Exodus 20:7 (NASB)

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

Exodus 20:7 (KJV)

⁷“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”

Exodus 20:7 (AMP)

⁷“You shall not use *or* repeat the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, lightly or frivolously, in false affirmations or profanely]; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

Exodus 20:7 (MSG)

⁷“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.”

5. (Exodus 20:7) Decision— Obedience: What is the decision required by this commandment?

Exodus 20:7 (NASB)

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

Obedience! Simply stated, we must obey God’s commandments.

1. Note that the commandment can be stated positively: Honor God’s name—always. This was exactly what Christ Himself said. In fact, He said that we were to pray every day for God’s name to be *hallowed* (Matthew 6:9).

Matthew 6:9 (NASB)

⁹“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.’”

2. Note also that the commandment can be stated negatively: you shall not misuse God’s name, shall not take His name in vain.

What decision is demanded by this commandment? We must not curse and swear; we must turn to God for salvation and forgiveness.

We must.....

- a. quit cursing and swearing
- b. quit using God's name in irreverent and thoughtless ways



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c. quit using God's name hypocritically

Note what Scripture says about this commandment and God's name.

1. We must not misuse God's name, never take God's name in vain. This is one of the Ten Great Commandments.

Exodus 20:7 (NASB)

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

2. We must never swear falsely, not by God's name: we must not profane His name.

Leviticus 19:12 (NASB)

¹²“You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.”

3. We must fear God's name.

Deuteronomy 28:58-59 (NASB)

⁵⁸“If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

⁵⁹ then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.”

4. We must not use God's name hypocritically nor have a hypocritical tongue.

Isaiah 48:1 (NASB)

¹“Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are named Israel And who came forth from the loins of Judah, Who swear by the name of the LORD And invoke the God of Israel, *But* not in truth nor in righteousness.”

James 3:9-12 (NASB)

⁹“With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

¹⁰ from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

¹¹ Does a fountain send out from the same opening *both* fresh and bitter *water*?

¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor *can* salt water produce fresh.”

5. We must not love false oaths.

Zechariah 8:17 (NASB)

¹⁷“Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate,' declares the LORD.”



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6. We must never swear; rather we must speak directly, never swearing nor using oaths.

Matthew 5:34-37 (NASB)

³⁴“But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
³⁵or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.

³⁶Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

³⁷“But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.”

James 5:12 (NASB)

¹²“But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.”

7. We must swear only by the God of Truth.

Isaiah 65:16 (NASB)

¹⁶“Because he who is blessed in the earth Will be blessed by the God of truth; And he who swears in the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight!”

8. We are to believe on God's name, not curse His name.

John 1:12 (NASB)

¹²“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name.”

Romans 10:13 (NASB)

¹³“For “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

9. We are to walk in the name of the LORD our God, not curse Him.

Micah 4:5 (NASB)

⁵“Though all the peoples walk Each in the name of his god, As for us, we will walk In the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.”

10. We are to proclaim the name of God to people, bear testimony to His name.

1 Peter 3:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”



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Isaiah 43:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ “You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.”

11. We must praise God’s name, not curse His name.

Psalms 135:3 (NASB)

³ “Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is lovely.”

12. We must hallow God's name, set God’s name far above all names.

Matthew 6:9 (NASB)

⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'”

John 17:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.”

13. We must not misuse God’s name by making a false, hypocritical profession.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB)

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.

²² Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'”

Luke 6:46 (NASB)

⁴⁶ “Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?”