



ACCLAIM FOR GOD'S NAME

Exodus 20:7

- Names are often important to human beings in their purpose and meaning.
- Names were also important in the Bible.
 - In the Bible some names were Descriptive - they described a person's character, command (or position), claims (or beliefs) or career.
 - In the Bible some names were Divine - they described the character, power and glory of the Lord.
- The Third Commandment tells us that we must always strive to “reverence the name of the Lord.”
- The Lord - “You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse His name.” (Exodus 20:7)
- **What does it mean to “reverence the name of the Lord”?**

“Reverencing God's Name” Requires Us To:

REFRAIN FROM MISUSING GOD'S NAME(S)

- The Lord - “You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God.” (Exodus 20:7)

We Misuse God's Name When We:

- **COMBINE HIS NAME WITH PROFANITY**
 - **Why do people curse so much?**
 - Some people use profanity because: 1) they lack emotional control, 2) they want to impress others, 3) they have a limited vocabulary, 4) they are weak individuals, or 5) they have corrupt hearts.
 - Jesus - “Whatever is in your heart determines what you say.” (Matthew 12:34)
- **COMBINE HIS NAME WITH DISHONESTY**
 - When we use God's name while speaking falsehoods we are breaking the 3rd Commandment.
 - The Lord – “Do not use My name to swear a falsehood and so profane the name of your God.” (Leviticus 19:12)
 - Jesus - “All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.” (Matthew 5:37)
- **COMBINE HIS NAME WITH INSINCERITY**
 - We break the 3rd Commandment when we claim to love the Lord but we're not living for the Lord.

- *“Such people claim they know God, but they deny Him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.”* (Titus 1:16)
- **We break the 3rd Commandment when we claim to regularly communicate with the Lord but we’re not actually doing so.**
- Jesus - *“When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.”* (Matthew 6:7)
- **We break the 3rd Commandment when we praise God with our lips but we’re not doing so with our lives.**
- **COMMUNICATE HIS NAME INAPPROPRIATELY**
 - **When we use God’s name as a convenient “wow” expression for anger, fear, joy or surprise, we are misusing God’s name.**
- ***In what ways have I broken the 3rd Commandment in recent days or weeks?***

**“Reverencing God’s Name” Requires Us To:
FOCUS ON MAGNIFYING GOD’S NAME(S)**

We Can “Magnify God’s Name” By:

- **HONORING THE LORD IN OUR LIVES AND WORSHIP**
 - *“Honor the Lord for the glory of His name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”* (Psalm 29:2)
 - **We need to reverence the Lord’s name even when others are misusing His name.**
- **REPRESENTING THE LORD IN OUR DECISIONS AND ACTIONS**
 - *“God’s truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and ‘All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil.’”* (2 Timothy 2:19)
- **RELYING ON THE LORD WHEN DEALING WITH CHALLENGES**
 - *“We depend on the Lord alone to save us. Only He can help us, protecting us like a shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we are trusting in His holy name.”* (Psalm 33:20-21)
 - *“Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.”* (Psalm 20:7)
- **PROCLAIMING THE LORD’S SALVATION TO OTHERS**
 - *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* (Romans 10:13)
 - **The name of the Lord that brings salvation to people is “Jesus.”**
 - *“Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”* (Acts 4:11-12)
- ***In what ways have I “magnified the Lord’s name” in recent weeks?***
- **God’s names include His: 1) Covenant (Jehovah), 2) Creator (Elohim) and Compound names.**

- Compound names for God in the Bible include: 1) *Jehovah Tsidkenu* (the holy and righteous God), 2) *Jehovah Makkadesh* (the God who sanctifies), 3) *Jehovah Shalom* (the God who brings peace), 4) *Jehovah Shammah* (the God who is always present), 5) *Jehovah Jireh* (the God who provides), 6) *Jehovah Rapha* (the God who heals), 7) *Jehovah Nissi* (the God who is our banner), and 8) *Jehovah Rohi* (the God who is our shepherd).
- Another name that is divine is the “Christ name” of God, JESUS, which means “Jehovah is salvation.”
- God wants us to use His name(s) for the right reasons – to proclaim the Gospel, to lead people to faith in Christ, to close our prayers, to serve others, to heal the sick, to help people experience victory, and to bring glory to Him.
- *Salvation* (Acts 4:12), *Strength* (Colossians 3:17), *Sufficiency* (John 16:23-24), *Safety* (Proverbs 18:10) and *Solace* (2 Corinthians 1:3-4) are found in Jesus’ name.
- *What is the Lord primarily communicating to me through this message, and what am I going to do to respond to what He’s saying to me?*