

The Ten Commandments for Today

The Third Commandment • Exodus 20:7

Honoring The God We Know By Name

When It Comes to the Third Commandment:

Are you guilty or guiltless?

*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. Exodus 20:7*

The Issue in the Third Commandment Is...

Whether or not you take God SERIOUSLY enough to honor His name!

*Remember how the enemy has mocked You, O LORD, how foolish people have reviled Your name.
Psalm 75:18*

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name." Matthew 6:9b

Honoring the God We Know by Name:

1. Why Should We HONOR God's Name?

*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 also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."
Exodus 3:14-15 ESV*

What's in a name?

God's name is more than just a title, it proclaims WHO God is (His character) and WHAT God does (His works).

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10

No one is like You, O LORD; You are great, and Your name is mighty in power. Jeremiah 10:6

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:1

2. How Do We PROFANE God's Name?

- We profane God's name through PERJURY in our vows.
- We profane God's name through PROFANITY in our mouths.
- We profane God's name through HERESY in our doctrine.
- We profane God's name through FLIPPANCY in our conversations.
- We profane God's name through HYPOCRISY in our worship

What happens when we break the Third Commandment?

We are guilty before God and He will JUDGE us for our sin.

...for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Exodus 20:7b

3. How Can We PROTECT God's Name?

The Key to Protecting God's Name...

Is truly LOVING God for who He is and what He has done for you.

For the Honor of His Name

As believers in Jesus Christ, we should do everything we can to HONOR God's name!

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven." ~Jesus, Matthew 5:16*