

the way," "Thank you, Planned Parenthood. God bless you. - President Obama

## 9. Don't use God's name as a joke.

## 4. What does it mean for a New Testament Christian to not use the Lord's name in vain?

*Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*  
John 8:58 (ESV)

*Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt,... Jude 5 (ESV)*

*And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8–11 (ESV)*

### Digging Deeper Sermon Study

1. What does it mean to use the Lord's name in vain?
2. **Read Matthew 7:21-23.** Why is God committed to protecting his reputation and character?
3. **Read Isaiah 29:13.** One way we use the name of God in vain is half-hearted worship. What do you often find yourself thinking about when you are singing praises to God? How does this study change the way you handle the distracting thoughts in worship?
4. **Read Acts 19:11-20.** The seven sons of Sceva attempted to misuse the name of Jesus. What does this tell us about the name of Jesus? In the end, did God get glory for his name?
5. What are some common Christian clichés? Do you think they lower the honor or God's name? Pastor Kurt talked about Christian swearing, (That is using language that is close to searing but a shade different.) Do you think Christian swearing lowers the honor of God's name? Why or why not?
6. How can a New Testament Christian keep this command by making much of the name of Jesus through their life and their words?



## Command 3 – Don't Use The Lord's Name In Vain

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*"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 (ESV)*

### 1. What does this command mean?

*Don't use God's name meaninglessly, trivially, disrespectfully or weightlessly.*

### 2. Why did God give this command?

#### 1. God's name reflects His identity and character.

#### 2. God is committed to protecting and expanding His reputation.

*...for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*  
Psalm 138:2 (ESV)

*But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth. Exodus 9:16 (ESV)*

*For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. Joshua 2:10–11 (ESV)*

#### 3. God tells us to pray His name would be hallowed.

*Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."*  
Matthew 6:9 (ESV)

#### 4. God doesn't hold guiltless those who speak disrespectfully about Him.

...for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Exodus 20:7 (ESV)

Now an Israelite woman's son, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the people of Israel. And the Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel fought in the camp, and the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the Name, and cursed. Then they brought him to Moses. His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. And they put him in custody, till the will of the Lord should be clear to them. Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Bring out of the camp the one who cursed, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. And speak to the people of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death. Leviticus 24:10-16 (ESV)

#### 5. God's name deserves respect because there is power in His name.

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (ESV)

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13 (ESV)

...Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. Acts 16:18 (ESV)

### 3. How do we take God's name in vain?

#### 1. False prophets use God's name to advance their agenda.

And the Lord said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them.

They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds. Jeremiah 14:14 (ESV)

#### 2. Making empty promises.

do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the Lord." Zechariah 8:17 (ESV)

#### 3. Watch out for people who say, "The Lord told me."

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

"I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the Lord Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith. Malachi 2:16 (NIV84)

#### 4. Don't use the name of God as a swear word.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

#### 5. Be careful of Christian cliches.

#### 6. Be careful of singing the name of God without meaning.

#### 7. Don't claim God's name for your business if you won't represent Him with your work.

#### 8. Don't use God's name to promote a godless agenda.

We pray for women who've been made afraid of their own power by their paternalistic religion. We pray for the blessing of choice. We give thanks, oh Lord, for the doctors, both current and future, who provide quality abortions. We pray for increased financial support for low income women to have access to abortions... We pray for the families that have chosen that they may know the blessing of choice. - Iowa democrats for governor

...As long as we've got to fight to protect a woman's right to make her own choices about her own health, I want you to know that you've got a president who's going to be right there with you, fighting every step of