

**“3rd Commandment: No Name Misuse”**  
**Exodus 20:7**

**I. COMMAND: "you shall not take the name of the LORD in vain" (v.7a)**

**A. Limitation: "take the name of the LORD"**

1. Vows: "You shall...swear by His name" (Deut. 6:13; 10:20)
2. Value: "give honor to My name" (Mal. 2:2)

**B. Liability: "you shall not take...in vain"**

1. Misused: "Thine enemies take Thy name in vain" (Ps. 139:20)
2. Misleading: "shall speak a word presumptuously in My name" (Deut. 18:20-22)  
"saying, 'The LORD declares', when the LORD has not sent them" (Ezek. 13:6-9)

**II. CONSEQUENCES: "for the LORD will not leave him unpunished" (v.7b)**

**A. Judge: "For the LORD (your God)"**

**B. Judgment: "will not leave him unpunished"**

1. Execution: "not...unpunished"
2. Evidence: "who takes His name in vain"