

Ten Commandments (Part 23)  
(The Third Commandment – Part 7)

Exodus 20:7

→What does the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment require?

Calvin (Institutes II:8:22): *“The purpose of this commandment is that God wills that we hallow the majesty of His name. Therefore, it means in brief that we are not to profane His name by treating it contemptuously and irreverently. To this prohibition duly corresponds the commandment that we should be zealous and careful to honor His name with godly reverence. Therefore we ought to be so disposed in mind and speech that we neither think nor say anything concerning God and His mysteries, without reverence and much soberness; that in estimating His works we conceive nothing but what is honorable to Him.”*

WLC Q#112: *What is required in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment? Ans: “The third commandment requires, that the name of God, his titles, attributes, ordinances, word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, works, and whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought, meditation, word, and writing; by an holy profession, and answerable conversation, to the glory of God, and the good of ourselves, and others.”*

- 1) Believing in Jesus Christ (John 5:23; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:13; 1 John 5:10)
  
- 2) Earnest, Holy Living (Matthew 7:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 10:31; Titus 2:2-10)
  
- 3) Speaking to God in Prayer (Psalm 116:12, 13; John 14:13)
  
- 4) Speaking For God in General
  
- 5) Speaking For Christ in Particular (Matthew 10:32, 33; Mark 8:38)
  
- 6) Keeping Silent at Appropriate Times (Proverbs 9:7; Matthew 7:6)
  
- 7) Keeping Our Oaths and Vows

→ Only those who are in Christ by faith are in any position to keep the Law of God in general, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment in particular.