

***Intro:***

READ WLC Q&A 111 (Ex. 20:7) - 112.

Main Point of Text: Christians are to carefully live at all times in a way that is worthy of the Gospel so they together are one consistent witness in lifting up the name of Jesus.

Sermon Point: *Take Care of Jesus.*

***Move 1: Focus on God's glory.***

LC: “the good of ourselves, and others”, covered in LC 114. Today, our focus:

- LC: “to the glory of God” WLC/SC 1. Ex.
  - 20:7: “Vain”, Heb.: “empty”. Fully glorify Him.
  - “Take”, Heb.: “lift up”. *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.* (Ps. 34:3)
- LC: “the name of God”. J.G. Vos, quoting John D. Davis, *A Dictionary of the Bible*: “Name is often used in Hebrew in the sense of revealed character and essence ... To know the name of God is to witness the manifestation of those attributes and apprehend that character which the name denotes.”
- LC: “whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known”. He reveals His character by:
  - “his titles”. LORD. El Shaddai. El Elyon.
  - “attributes” Goodness, mercy, holiness. Carefully reserve these for God's glory.
  - “ordinances, the word, sacraments, prayer” Approach God seriously in worship.
  - “oaths, vows, lots, his works”. Let your “yes” be reliable to honor your Heavenly Father.

***Move 2: Reverence Him as Holy.***

LC: “be holily and reverently used in thought, meditation, word, and writing”. Mt. 6:9: “Hallowed be thy name”, to treat as holy, hold in reverence. J.G. Vos: 1) a sober, serious, respectful attitude that keeps us from treating God's self-revelation lightly or flippantly; 2) a worshipful attitude, as we are impressed with the infinite majesty and greatness of God, and filled with awe and wonder ...”

***Move 3: Profess and live your Christian reverence.***

- LC: “by an holy profession” *But sanctify [set apart] the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:* (1 Peter 3:15)
- LC: “and answerable conversation [old English for conduct/manner of life]” Phil. 1:27:
  - Beginning: Greek, lit. wording is “Only worthily of the Gospel of Christ live your lives”.
  - Middle: whatever you're doing, whether supervised or unsupervised. If really care, take care.
  - End: to stand as one giving one consistent witness of Gospel, which is to exalt Jesus' name.

***Conclusion:***

*Take care of Jesus.*