

Exodus 35 – Third Precept God’s Holy Name

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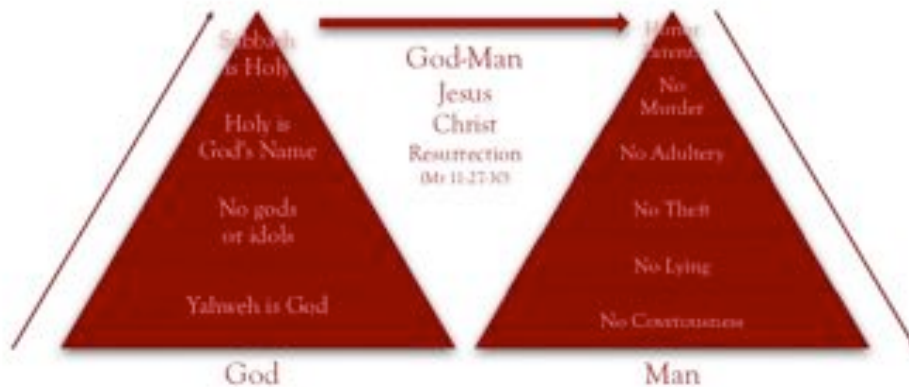


Third Precept

God’s Holy Name Describes His Holiness

Blaspheming His name denigrates His Holiness, elevates man’s sinfulness- Man is god

Third Precept – God’s Holy Name



Keil & Delitzsch Reference

- This commentary states that this precept does not mean people cannot speak God's name
- This precept includes making oaths using God's name
- This also includes using God's name in a fashion that denigrates His holiness as only one more powerful than God would desecrate His name; thus, man is god

Exegeting the Precepts

- God speaks these precepts to Man
 - To educate Man concerning:
 - God's Holiness
 - Man's Sinfulness (Le 7:6-12)
 - To illustrate the character of:
 - Saved - lives by power of God, not by their own power, pointing men to God (2Co 12:7-10)
 - Lost - blasphemes God's name establishing man as god

Lost Must Desecrate God

- The lost can never properly use God's name as they seek to elevate themselves as gods (Ge 3:5, 14, 4:10-17, 6:9)
- This precept guides the saved, condemns the lost
 - Understanding God's name teaches us His Holiness
 - Desecrating God's name warns the saved of their sin
 - False piety *appears* to worship God but worships man preventing salvation - religious works (Mt 13:33, 1Co 5:7:8)

God's Names Reveal God

- God has forbidden the use of physical representations to communicate His character - demean His Holiness
- God gives man insight into His character through the use of His names - El, Yahweh, El-Shaddai, etc.
- When man trivializes and maligns God he denigrates both the Son and the Gospel; therefore, man must change God's truth into lies - *Idolatry, worship of self*

Judaism - Idolatry of God's Name

- Judaism's unscriptural emphasis of God's name profanes God's character to hide those aspects of Himself He most desires men to know
 - They abbreviated His name in their writings (G_d)
 - They substituted a word for His name, hiding Him (Adonai)
 - *Rabbinical Judaism teaches that the name is forbidden to all except the High Priest, who should only speak it in the Holy of Holies of the Temple in Jerusalem on Yom Kippur. (Forbidden - no Temple) (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names_of_God_in_Judaism)*

What Does Vain Mean?

- Word not used often in contemporary English
- Word (אִשָּׁר) / *isur*, Hebrew) means (NIDOT):
 - Ineffective and/or
 - Falseness
 - Applies to lying under oath using God's name or Word
 - Christ prohibited using any oaths, every word Christians speak should come from one's new character (Mt 5:33, 37-37)

Applies to All Speech

- Since it cannot apply to the lost, all their speech is vain (empty), it must apply to God's people
 - In all times it would apply to those called of God (saved)
 - In Mosaic Law it would apply to the True Jews
 - In our time it would apply to the True Christians
- Everyone will give an account to God for every word spoken (Ec-5:10)

Applies to Man-Honoring Speech

- That which is ineffective or false or both:
 - Ascribing to God words, actions and teachings that belong to Satan and his surrogate, man
 - Attributing to Satan, and man, that which belongs only to God
 - This desecration of His holiness blasphemes Him among the immature and lost promoting false teachings (He 22:26; Ro-1:17-18)

Speaking the *Unknowable* as Fact

- Christians as people are limited to our five senses: (taste, touch, sight, smell, hearing)
 - Unless God "opens" our senses, we cannot receive input from the spirit realm
 - God is spirit, angels (Satan) are spirits (Jo-4:24; He 1:14)
- Claiming to receive spiritual data apart from exegeting His Word is revelation (He-22:18-19)

Christians Blaspheme God's Name

- When Christians say:
 - God *opened* a door, *closed* a door, God did (*fill in blank*);
 - God *spoke* to my heart; i.e., spoke to me; or
 - I God *impressed* on... (whatever that might mean)
- These require special senses or new revelation of God
- These innocent sayings **blaspheme** God's Name

Christians Speak from Ignorance

- These statements, and many others, are of ignorance since we have no means, or need, of receiving such spiritual input
 - God speaks to us through His Word *ps-112:214-215*
 - If we say, "God *spoke*," we are adding to Scripture; thus, we are speaking blasphemy
 - If we *eisegete* (read into) the Bible, we *add* to God's Word
- God will not hold us guiltless as we have His *complete* Words

Christians Sing from Ignorance

- Christians sing without thinking about the words *1Co 14:15-17*
- When you sing, *read the words*, **know** what you are singing to God - remember, *every* idle word
- The Gospel is easily blasphemed through music as people do not think when they sing, learning wrong doctrine ensnaring themselves in error - blasphemy

Christians Cannot Do This

- Christians loudly complain that they cannot watch every word but we will give an account of everything said and done that is not of Christ through us
 - When Christians act from the flesh, it is sin
 - When Christ moves through the believer, that is grace
- As believers mature in grace they are more aware of the "new nature" vs the "old flesh," resting in Christ (Ro 14:19)

Precepts Designed for Growth

- The issue is not following rules, that is of the flesh
- God's people are to learn truth by meditating on His precepts, understanding that only as God works in them do they live by His righteousness (Ps 51:56, 16-17; Gal 5:20)
- Trying to meet the "requirements" of righteousness in the flesh rejects God, seeks to make man as god (Isa 53:6, 21)

Ignorance is Death

- When rejecting God's truth one rejects God's Gospel
 - Reject understanding the Bible - Reject Christ
 - Reject correct doctrine - Reject Christ
 - Reject His spiritual maturity - Reject Christ
- Drifting along the river of emotionalism, riding the current of ignorance - easy road to destruction (Heb 7:19-20)