

INTRODUCTION

The name of the Lord, as referring to the Son of God, is

Jesus

Emmanuel

Son of God and Son of Man

Christ

Son of David

King of Israel

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Because the Lord Himself is glorious, every name by which He makes Himself known also is glorious. The truth is that when we deal with God's name, we are dealing with Him. And the truth is that controlling what we say is very difficult; even more so, what we think, whether or not it comes out in what we say. Dealing rightly with God by dealing rightly with His name is an area in which we all have sinned in many ways. We need help from the Lord in this area, and we find great help in the third of the ten commandments.

TEXT - Exodus 20:7

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In the third commandment, the sin expressly forbidden is to take the name of the Lord in vain; that is, to speak of God or to act in the name of God, in some way that is false, as if the name of the Lord were a light thing instead of weighty, as if it were empty, instead of full of meaning regarding God.

The corresponding duty most clearly implied is to show reverence for God in what use we make of His name, or in what we do in His name. Reverence: that honor, fear, affection, respect, veneration, esteem that God deserves by virtue of both His perfections and His place above all creation.

These are the things that were our study last week. Today, we pursue further the implication that we are to show reverence for the name of the Lord.

The commandment forbids us taking the name of the Lord in vain. That implies that we are to take the name of the Lord, just not in vain.

BODY - We take the name of the Lord, but not in vain, when we...

I. Call on the Name of the Lord in Faith

- A. Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.
- B. Peter preached this prophecy as fulfilled in these days, since Jesus has come. Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- C. Paul taught the same scripture in Romans chapter 10
 1. Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
 2. this calling on the name of the Lord is by faith; specifically, faith in Jesus Christ as risen from the dead - Romans 10:8-9 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; (9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
 - a) it would be taking the name of the Lord in vain to confess with your mouth without believing in your heart
 - b) but do not let that stop you! it also is against the commandment not to take the name of the Lord
 - c) so DO take the name of the Lord in faith!
 3. which faith comes by hearing when someone preaches - Romans 10:13-14 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- D. John wrote that having faith in Jesus Christ is God's commandment - 1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.
- E. But to call on the name of the Lord, then, after a while, when things get hard, not to believe anymore, would be to take the name of the Lord in vain. Therefore, our Lord Jesus sent letters to the congregations
 1. Revelation 2:13
 2. Revelation 3:8

We take the name of the Lord, but not in vain, when we call on the name of the Lord in faith, and when we

II. Repent and Find Forgiveness In His Name

- A. Luke 24:45-47 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, [46] And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: [47] And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- B. When we ourselves repent and find forgiveness of our sins
- C. When we do our part to see that repentance and forgiveness of sins is preached in the name of Jesus Christ
 - 1. come hear this preaching
 - 2. bring your children and others to hear it
 - 3. support this preaching
- D. When we live in keeping with repentance - 2 Timothy 2:19b ...Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

We take the name of the Lord, but not in vain, when we repent and find forgiveness in His name, and when we reverently

III. Baptize and Receive Baptism in the Name of the Lord

- A. Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and ~~teach~~ [make disciples of] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- B. Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- C. Here there is reason to observe how much we are helped by both the second and the third commandments
 - 1. second - we worship by the means God has ordained, and no other
 - 2. third - we worship in the manner God deserves, and no other

If time is already up at this point, I may conclude here.

We take the name of the Lord, but not in vain, when we baptize and receive baptism in the name of the Lord, and when we reverently

IV. Gather in the Name of the Lord

- A. Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
- B. Psalm 89:7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.
- C. *Directory for the Publick Worship of God* - section one "Of the Assembling of the Congregation"
 1. When the congregation is to meet for publick worship, the people...ought all to come...not absenting themselves...through negligence...
 2. Let all enter the assembly, not irreverently, but in a grave and seemly manner, taking their seats...
 3. The congregation being assembled, the minister, after solemn calling on them to the worshipping of the great name of God, is to begin with prayer.
 4. The publick worship being begun, the people are wholly to attend upon it...abstaining...from all gazing, sleeping, and other indecent behaviour, which may disturb the minister or people, or hinder themselves or others in the service of God.

We take the name of the Lord, but not in vain, when we reverently gather in the name of the Lord, and when we

V. Pray in the Name of Jesus Christ - John 16:23

- A. John 16:23-24 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. (24) Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- B. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: [12] That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We take the name of the Lord, but not in vain, when we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, and when we reverently

VI. Give Praise and Thanks to His Name

- A. Ephesians 5:19-20 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
(20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 - 1. to do this not only with our lips, but also in our hearts, is to take the name of the Lord, but not in vain
 - 2. to give thanks not just sometimes for some things, but to give thanks always for all things is to take the name of the Lord, but not in vain
- B. Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

CONCLUSION

By God's command, we must not take the name of the Lord in vain. So, let us take His name, not in vain, but in all reverence, worshiping Him from the heart.

Jeremiah - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Psalm 89:1

Roel - Scripture Reading - Psalm 89:2-7

Andrew - Congregational Prayer

Benediction - Psalm 89:15

Journey - Prelude - please choose

Rita - Trinity 500 "He Leadeth Me"

Cecily - Trinity 150 "All My Heart This Night Rejoices"

Rita - Trinity 580 "It Is Well with My Soul" - Alex lead

Revelation 15:3-4 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. (4) Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Psalm 89:7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

1 Timothy 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

In the future, possibly I should address those things that the New Testament mentions being done “in the Lord.”

-marry someone who is “in the Lord”

-obey your parents “in the Lord”

VII. Labor in His Name

A. Revelation 2:3

B. Serve the Saints in His Name - Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.