

Ten Commandments (Part 20)
(The Third Commandment – Part 3)

Exodus 20:7

→What does the 3rd Commandment prohibit?

Cursing and Swearing

I. Current Definitions of Cursing and Swearing

-Cursing: the expression of a wish that misfortune, evil, or doom would befall someone or something; can also refer to the use of profane or obscene language

-Swearing: the taking of an oath or making a solemn declaration by some sacred being or object; can also refer to the use of profane oaths or profane language.

-“Secularized Cursing:” the thoughtless, careless use of God’s name

II. Some Words Commonly Employed in Cursing and Swearing

-gosh (1757)

-golly (1775)

-darn (1781), dang (1797)

-heck (1887)

-omg

-gee (1885), jeez (1923)

-holy this or that

III. The Sins Involved in Cursing and Swearing

-An attempt to play God, wield His power

-The failure to honor God’s name

-Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:29

-Matthew 12:34: The mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.