

## **Blasphemy & Taking God's Name in Vain**

"God's Name" can refer to "Yahweh," God's character, or God's reputation

Introduction: a tarnished reputation

### **Taking God's Name in Vain**

Exodus 20:7

### **Blaspheming His Name**

Vivid pictures of blasphemy

*Deuteronomy 31:20 For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and become prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.*

Specific examples of blasphemy

*2 Samuel 12:10, 14 "Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ... Because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die."*



Nehemiah 9:18 *when they made for themselves a calf of molten metal and said, 'This is your God Who brought you up from Egypt,' [they] committed great blasphemies*

1 Timothy 1:13

1 Timothy 1:18-20

Nehemiah 9:26 *But they became disobedient and rebelled against You, and cast Your law behind their backs ... and they committed great blasphemies.*

Isaiah 5:24 *They have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*

Job 1:1, 6-11

Job 2:9

Revelation 16:9 *Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.*

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: Matthew 12:31-32 (Mark 3:29, Luke 12:10) *Any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

### The consequences of blasphemy

Psalm 10:13 (ESV) *Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call [me] to account"?*

Jeremiah 23:17 [The false prophets] *keep saying to those who despise Me, "The LORD has said, "You will have peace "'*

The Bible does not promise peace to blasphemers, but death (Lev. 24:10-16, 2 Ki. 21:13, Ex. 20:7, Num. 16:30, Deut. 5:11, Is. 37:36f.).

### The rescue for blasphemers

### Not defame, but fame