

Honoring God's Name
Exodus 20:7; Matthew 12:31-37
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There is a certain _____ in the language of the world today. Swearing, _____ language, and the use of God's name in vain is widespread. The type of speech we use is significant because Jesus said it _____ what is in the heart. The seriousness of this issue is indicated by its inclusion in God's law.

A. The Command Suggests the _____ of A Name.

1. Names were significant in Bible days.
 - a. They often suggested circumstances of _____ or the hopes and visions of the parents
 - b. They were sometimes changed because of important _____.
2. The names for God in the Scripture are significant.
 - a. _____ God – “all breasted one” (Genesis 17:1)
 - b. Jehovah – “I AM” (signifies _____), (Exodus 3:13-14; 6:2-3)
3. The Jews attached a great deal of ceremonial and _____ sanctity to God's name.
 - a. Rarely used in conversation with the _____
 - b. Traditionally used only on the _____ of Atonement by the high priest

B. The Principles Revealed in this Command

1. The command was to reverence God's name (His _____, character, and _____). (Reverence = respect, admiration, awe, astonishment, amazement)
 - a. Reverence God as _____ (Genesis 1:1-2)
 - b. Reverence God as Deliverer and _____ (Exodus 20:1-2)
 - c. Reverence Jehovah as the _____ true God (Exodus 20:3)
2. Two key words are important to understand.
 - a. “Take” – to _____ up, exalt
 - b. “Vain”
 - (1) “It designates anything that is _____, unreal, worthless, either materially or _____”

(2). In addition to profanity or swearing falsely in God's name, it also includes “using the Lord's name lightly, _____, or by rote.” (thoughtlessly)

2. There is a _____ consequence for not reverencing God's name.

C. Dishonoring God's Holy Name Breaks This Moral Principle

1. We dishonor God's name by professing His name, but denying Him in _____. (Romans 2:24)
2. We dishonor God's name by inappropriately _____. (Matthew 5:34; Hebrews 6:16)
3. We dishonor God's name when we worship Him with our lips, but not with our _____. (Isaiah 29:13; Ezekiel 33:31)
4. The unsaved dishonor God by using His name in _____ when they have rejected the witness of His Son. (1 John 5:10)
5. We dishonor God's name by making _____ to Him which we do not keep.
6. We dishonor God's name by using it in _____ conversation.
7. We dishonor God's name by using _____ swear words.

D. We Can Apply This Moral Law

1. The _____ is a powerful instrument. (James 3:1-5)
 - a. It can be used for _____. (Psalm 34:1-4; Ephesians 4:29)
 - b. It can be used for _____. (1 Peter 3:8-12; James 2:26)
2. The tongue reflects what is in the _____. (Mark 7:14-23; Matthew 12:31-34)
3. We need God's _____ to control the tongue. (Psalm 141:3)