

COMMANDMENT #3 – "Don't Take His Name In Vain"
Exodus 20:7

INTRODUCTION: Names bring reactions ... represents that person ... identifies YOU ... THEREFORE, 20:7

What Does Using God's Name In Vain DO?

1.- It Profanes His Honor

- We become careless and flippant about using God's name.
- Profanity is useless, showing ignorance.
 - "**profanity**" – 'debasement or defiling that which is holy, or worthy of reverence'.
- God takes it seriously, because when you dishonor His holy name, you dishonor HIM – Matthew 12:36-37
 - Even Satan & demons know better than this!

2.- It Pictures Our Heart

- God wants to prevent the consequences – **20:7b**
- Proper respect is to be shown to God's name.
 - When we dishonor God, we dishonor the source of our salvation – Acts 4:12
- Jesus said "***I am the door***" ... Don't violate the "***door***"!
- The mouth speaks what's in the heart – Matthew 12:34, 15:18, Proverbs 23:7.
 - Words wouldn't "*slip out*", if not in your heart.

3.- It Proclaims Our Hypocrisy

- We're often hypocritical in our prayers, praying "***In Jesus' Name***", but wanting our own will – Matthew 6:7
 - When we pray "***In Jesus' Name***", we should be asking the same thing as if Jesus were doing the praying.
 - When we pray "***In Jesus' Name***", and make promises to Him, we should keep the vows we've made to Him.

4.- It Preempts His Holiness

- "**vain**" means 'empty' – Don't use God's name in "**vain**" talking, taking God's name too casually.
 - When we do, we lose sight of the Holiness of God.

CONCLUSION:

- God is Holy ... keep His name HOLY