

BAHRAIN REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

C3: Honor God's Name (Exodus 20:7)

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Preliminary

Question: What does the Third Commandment teach?

Answer: The Third Commandment teaches us to avoid all wrong use of God's Name, to treat His Name with the greatest respect, and to make it our deliberate purpose to honor and reverence Him.

1. God's Holy Name

Note: Names have meanings, and this particularly applies to the Name of God...

Exodus 3:13-15 = "*I Am who I Am*" – THE *only* GOD

Mt 6:9; Ps 111:9b = "*hallowed be your Name*" = 'to set-apart' as holy or 'sanctify' – to treat the Name of God with reverence.

Point: God's nature and attributes, the totality of His being, and especially His glory are reflected in His name... Ps 8:1

Example: [Note: *El* = 'power and might']

Elohim = The Mighty Creator (Gen 1:1; 17:7; Jer. 31:33); *El Shaddai* = God Almighty (Gen 49:24; Ps 132:2, 5); *Adonai* = Lord (Gen 15:2; Jdg 6:15); *Jehovah-Jireh* = The Lord's provide (Gen 22:14); *Jehovah-Rapha* = The Lord Who Heals (Ex 15:26); *Jehovah-Nissi* = The Lord Our Banner (Ex 17:15); *Jehovah-M'Kaddesh* = The Lord Who Sanctifies (Lev 20:8); *Jehovah-Shalom* = The Lord of Peace (Jdg 6:24); *Jehovah-Sabaoth* = The Lord of Host (Isa 1:24; Ps 46); and many more....

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2. Ways in which God's Name is used wrongly

Note: Any use of God's name that brings dishonor on Him or on His character is taking His name in vain.

(a) Perjury – A sin of taking oath in the Name of God and then uttering falsehood... Lev 19:12; Num 30:2; Deut 6:13; Ps 15:4; Zech 5:4

Point: Perjury is essentially the same as denying God's existence... Mt 5:33ff

(b) Rash and unnecessary swearing... Mt 23:21, 22

(c) Blasphemy – To treat irreverently the Majesty of God to utter His Name, and then to curse Him... Ps 74:18

(d) Unnecessary and irreverent use of His Name... Mt 7:21ff

(e) Carrying Christ Name (Christian) while living a godless life... Pro 30:9

(f) When we say we love Him, but do not do what He commands... Lk 6:46

(g) Cursing people who are made in the image of God... James 3:9-10

[For each one, give more examples in which God's Name is used wrongly]

Warning: A person who misuses God's name will not be held "guiltless" by the Lord... Ex 20:7b

Challenge: The Name God is a representation of His glory, His holiness, His majesty, and His supreme deity – We are to revere and honor His name truly in our hearts

Discussion: Give some ways or explain by which we can honor and reverence God's name... Example: Carefulness, Praise and Thanksgiving... etc.

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