



USE OF GOD'S NAME IN VAIN

Exodus 20:7



What's in a name?

- **Character**
- **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

What's in a name?

- **Character**
- **Reputation**
- **1 Timothy 3:7** Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
- **Proverbs 22:1** A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

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- **Reputation**
- **Authority**
- **Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

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- **Acts 4:12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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- Character
- Reputation
- Authority
- **Philippians 2:9-11** ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

How do we use God's name in vain?

■ With our words

- *Blasphemy - attack the character of God*
- *Irreverence*
- *Cursing - Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed Matthew 26:74*
- *Profanity - OMG, My God, My Lord*

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- **With our words**
- **With our actions**
 - *Hypocrisy*
 - *Ungodly lifestyle*
 - *Attitude and treatment of others*

Consequences of misusing God's name

■ Judgment

- **Exodus 20:7** You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

How should we use God's name?

- **Hallowed** - awe, reverence, respect
- **Matthew 6:9** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

How should we use God's name?

- Hallowed
- Praise
- Psalm 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

How should we use God's name?

- Hallowed

- Praise

- Respect

- *Lord, Master, Creator*
- *Savior, King of Kings*
- *We give honor to a judge*
- *More so - to the Judge of all*

How should we use God's name?

- Hallowed

- Praise

- Respect

- Without shame

- *1 Peter 4:16* Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

- *Matthew 10:32-33*