

How Then Shall We Live: Third Commandment

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"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" John 17:3

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name"

"Those who know your name put their trust in you." Psalm 9:10

YHWH

Adonai - 6,828 times in Old Testament.

Elohim—2,600; *El*—238

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-15

"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." Exodus 20:7

What does taking God's name in vain mean?

What it DOESN'T mean

In Jewish thought, the third commandment refers solely to oath-taking, and is a prohibition against swearing by God's Name falsely or frivolously.

"If we reduce taking God's name in vain to simply a string of words, not only are we missing the larger point of the commandment, we are potentially promoting superstition. It is "abracadabra" in reverse." Mike Duran

What it DOES mean

"Taking the Lord's name in vain is less about *vocabulary* than it is about *ambassadorship*." Chuck Missler

"in vain"

- **Jeremiah 2:30**: "In vain have I struck your children; but they took no correction."
 - Spank the children: futile, empty, no correction.
- **Jeremiah 4:30**: "In vain you beautify yourself, yet your lovers despise you."
 - Put on makeup: futile empty, no lovers.
- **Jeremiah 6:29**: "In vain the refining goes on, yet the wicked are not removed."
 - Put the wicked through the refiner's fire: futile, empty, no repentance.
- **Jeremiah 46:11**: "In vain you have used many medicines; yet there is no healing for you."
 - Take the medicine: futile, empty, pointless, no healing.

John Piper

"in vain" means: futile, pointless, empty, no profit, no success, wasted.

How do you take the Name of God, which defines who God is - His character and attributes - into your thoughts, your emotions, your words, and actions in such a way that these become futile, empty, pointless, wasted?

"These people honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; *in vain* do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15:8-9

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do *everything* in the *name* of the Lord Jesus"
Colossians 3:17

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons

and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ Matthew 7:21-23

Jesus says, “It’s one thing to say Lord, it’s one thing to say you have my name, it’s another thing to take my name in reality.”

How do you take someone’s name in vain?

When you take on the name of a king, if you’re acting in the name of a king, it means you’re submitting to a King.

“The only strong argument against Christianity, is Christians.” G.K Chesterton