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***You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.***



## God's Name



***This one's easy, isn't it? Don't say things like "Oh my God" or "Jeeesus!!" as swearing.***

***And look too at these passages from the Old Testament:***

***Ok, if that's all it means, do you keep it?***

***It's not all it means though! Take a look at somethings Jesus said:***

Mt 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Mt 24:5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Jn 14:13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

Jn 14:14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Jn 14:26 But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Jn 16:24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

De 18:19 If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

De 18:20 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

***So, what does the Bible teach us about "God's Name"?***

***It includes not just swearing but also: (try to find a verse from above that fits each of these)***

- ***acting on His behalf***
- ***asking God for things "in Jesus Name"***
- ***meeting as Christians***
- ***receiving the Holy Spirit***
- ***listening to God's Word***

***If you are a Christian then you should live your life under His authority. That's another way of saying 'in His Name'. For instance, when a policeman shouts "STOP! In the name of the Law!" he can***

***do that because the authority of the law empowers him.***

***If we are under Jesus' authority then we are living in His Name. If we rebel against His authority, we rebel against His Name.***

***We can't pray 'in Your Name' if we don't live under His authority! The following passage shows what happens to some people who tried to do the things of God, but not in His Way:***

23 ¶ Moses and Aaron then went into the Tent of Meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.

24 Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell face down.

1 ¶ Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorised fire before the LORD, contrary to his command.

2 So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

3 ¶ Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when he said: "Among those who approach me I will show myself holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honoured.'" Aaron remained silent.

4 Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel, and said to them, "Come here; carry your cousins outside the camp, away from the front of the sanctuary."

5 So they came and carried them, still in their tunics, outside the camp, as Moses ordered.

(Leviticus 9:23 - 10:5)

***You see, they were doing 'spiritual' things, but not God's way. Instead of letting God light the fire, they lit their own and pretended to act in God's Name. But God had said:***

***the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.***

***So the question now is, do you obey this commandment?!***



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