

The Third Commandment

“ 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



Three Words

1. Guiltless

2. Vain

3. Name

Guiltless:

- This word means...

**“free”, “clear”, “innocent”, “clean”,
“blameless”, “unpunished”.**

Exodus 20:7

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Kevin DeYoung says,

If we are honest, though, when we come to the third commandment, we feel like we can let our guard down just a little. “Watch what you say. Don’t swear. Be careful with your OMG’s. Got it. The third commandment feels less like a bedrock principle and more like a good reminder.

But if we think violating the third commandment is a light offense, we are mistaken. In [Lev. 24:16](#) we read, “Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the name, shall be put to death.”

Kevin DeYoung.....

Granted, this is a civil law for the nation of Israel. The parallel for us would be church discipline, not public execution. But the Levitical instruction clearly shows us the severity of the sin. Even the sojourner was liable to punishment. Whether you were visiting Israel or native born, it was to be understood that the name of the Lord was holy and not to be blasphemed under any circumstance.

Vain:

it suggests “emptiness, “futility”,
“falsehood”, “worthless”, “useless”, to no good
purpose.

Swearing or Cursing

- Ephesians 4:29

- Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification that it may impart grace to the hearers.

- Colossians 4:6

- Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

- Concerning Oaths- Matt. 5:33-37, James 5:12

When we speak slightly or
irreverently of His name.

- Look with me at Psalm 8

Repetitious and Thoughtless Prayer

Matthew 6:7

And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

By being Phony

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1 Peter 2:9

- But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.....

Donald Trump



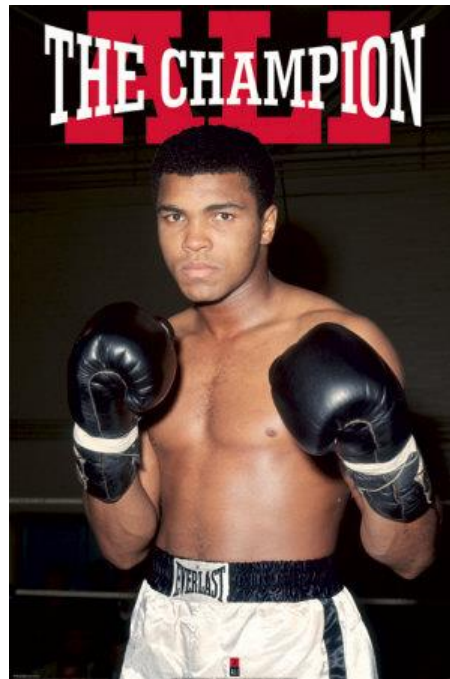
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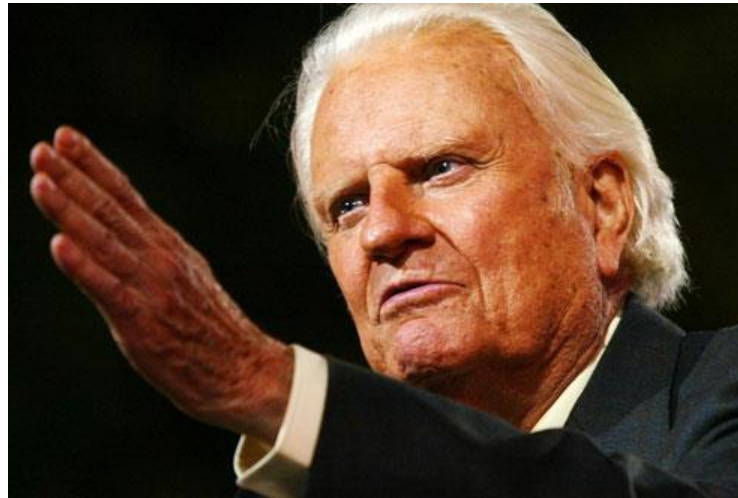
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Name

- The Hebrew root denotes something high or elevated, a monument implying majesty or excellence. It is an outstanding mark, sign reputation. Thus the “name” is a word by which a person, place or thing is distinctively known. A name identifies, signifies, and specifies.
- A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 22:1

ABBA

- Means daddy, father.
- Gal. 4:6
- Matt. 6:9

Alpha & Omega

- Means the beginning and the end.
- Rev. 1:8

Yahweh Yireh

- The Lord Will Provide
- Genesis 22:14
- Phil. 4:19

El Deah

- God of Knowledge
- Romans 11:34

El Elyon

- The God Most High
- Col. 1:16-17

El Olam

- The Everlasting God
- The term Olam also carries with it the idea of unchanging. Everything we know on this earth changes in some way over time. But God never changes. His character, His Word, His promises, His purposes never change and never fail. For us, this means that El Olam, the Everlasting God, is constant, dependable and reliable. We can put our complete confidence in Him.
- Ps. 90:1-2
- Ps. 90:4
- Heb. 1:8

El Shaddai

- God Almighty
- Gen. 17:1-2
- Ps. 91:1

Elohim

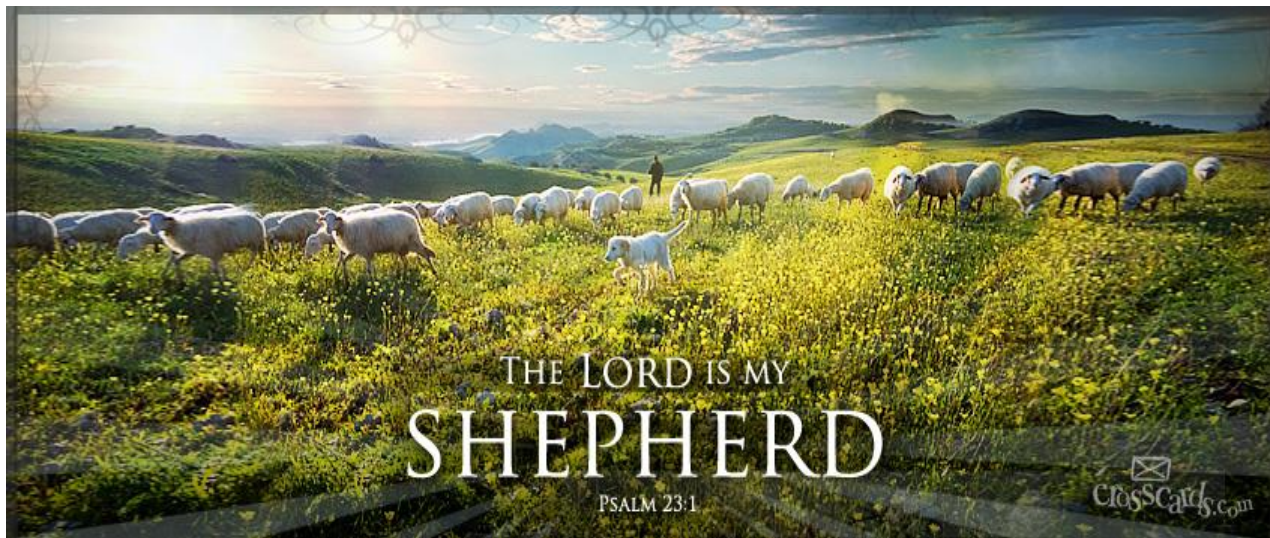
- Means God
- Refers to His incredible power and might as creator.
- Gen. 1:1
- Ps. 19:1

Yahweh

- The Self-Existent One, The Lord
- Exodus 3:13-14
- Written YHWH
- Substitutes- Adonai, Jehovah

Yahweh-Raah

- The Lord My Shepherd(Ps. 23 & JN 10)



Yahweh-Tsabbaoth

- The Lord of Hosts
- 1 Sam. 17:45

Yahweh-Nissi

- The Lord is My Banner
- Yahweh Nissi means “The Lord Is My Banner” – This is the name of God that proclaims His protection, leadership, and deliverance for His people. Just as God brought divine protection for the Israelites against their enemy, the Amalekites, He offers us protection and deliverance today from the enemies we may face in this life. While Joshua and the people fought against their enemy, Moses stood on top of a hill with God’s staff in his hands. The Bible tells the story that even though Moses grew weary, when his hands were lifted by those who supported him, the Israelites were winning, and when his hands lowered the Amalekites were winning. It was clear to all who gave them victory that day. Sometimes we spin our wheels trying to battle through our hard days in our own strength. We get weary, we get upset, we get angry. God’s reminder is to allow Him to be our banner, our protector.
- “Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.” [Exodus 17:15](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oP25kCPocwg&t=2s>

In Summary.....

- If you want a simple summary of the third commandment- a NT exhortation putting in positive language all that is required of us-here it is: “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Col. 3:17. We obey the third commandment by living as Christians, by speaking and doing everything according to the family name. For when we do all that we do, and do it in Christ, for Christ, and through Christ, we show that His name is the name we value, the name that we love, and the name that is above all names!