



### Week #3: Do Not Misuse His Name

Three important facts about the 10 Commandments:

- The commandments are from \_\_\_\_\_.
- The commandments are \_\_\_\_\_ for today.
- The commandments will strengthen my \_\_\_\_\_.

God's commands were not put in place as a \_\_\_\_\_, but for our \_\_\_\_\_.

*"You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name."*

Exodus 20:7 (NLT)

Three ways to honor God's name:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ His name.
  - Don't let the \_\_\_\_\_ you have with God cheapen the \_\_\_\_\_ you have for God.

*"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."*

Acts 4:12 (NLT)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ His name.

- Common abuses for God's name: Saying, "I \_\_\_\_\_ to God."

*“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’<sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;<sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.<sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.<sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”*

Matthew 5:33-37 (NIV)

- Playing the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ His name.

*Go out of your way to do what is right, speak the truth with the weight and authority that come from an honest and pure life. No one can argue with that.*

Titus 2: 7-8 (VOICE)

- The greatest way to honor God's name is to \_\_\_\_\_ that name \_\_\_\_\_ to the people around us.

### Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on how casual expressions, oaths, or spiritual manipulation can distort the holiness of God's name. What does it mean to "misuse" God's name in our everyday language and behavior?
2. How do our words reflect the reverence we have (or lack) for God's character and authority? Consider moments when you or others may have invoked God's name carelessly or manipulatively. What were the consequences?
3. Reflect on how religious language or authority can be misused in personal, relational, or even political contexts. What are some common ways Christians today may “play the God card” to justify personal agendas?
4. In what ways can you grow in representing God's name more faithfully—both in speech and in lifestyle—so that your life reflects the holiness and saving power of Jesus’ name (Acts 4:12)? What practices can help you cultivate deeper reverence and integrity in how you speak of God?

### Recommended Resources

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- The commandments are relevant for today.
- The commandments will strengthen my relationships.

**God's commands were not put in place as a prison, but for our protection.**

*"You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name."*

Exodus 20:7 (NLT)

**Three ways to honor God's name:**

### 1. Respect His name.

- Don't let the relationship you have with God cheapen the respect you have for God.

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Acts 4:12 (NLT)

### 2. Revere His name.

- Common abuses for God's name: Saying, "I swear to God."

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- Playing the God card.

### 3. Represent His name.

*Go out of your way to do what is right, speak the truth with the weight and authority that come from an honest and pure life. <sup>8</sup> No one can argue with that.*

Titus 2: 7-8 (VOICE)

- The greatest way to honor God's name is to represent that name properly to the people around us.

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