

WRITTEN IN STONE

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Exodus 20:7 Jeff Schreve

*“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.’” Matthew 6:9*

Then God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.” Exodus 20:1-7

Have you been breaking the 3rd commandment?

1. God’s name represents all His goodness and glory.

Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. Exodus 33:18-19

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” Exodus 34:6-7

2. God’s name is to be feared and revered far above all names.

"For from the rising of the sun, even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts ... But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, “and My name is feared among the nations.” Malachi 1:11, 14

A. We take His name in vain when we use it flippantly.

B. We take His name in vain when we use it contemptibly.

C. We take His name in vain when we use it dishonestly.

"You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:12

"The people make promises and say, 'As the LORD lives.' But they don't really mean it!" Jeremiah 5:2 ERV

D. We take His name in vain when we bear it dishonorably.

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects ... Colossians 1:9-10

You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written. Romans 2:23-24

E. We take His name in vain when we fail to take Him seriously.

"You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If anyone curses his God, then he will bear his sin. Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.' " Leviticus 24:15-16

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them." Numbers 6:23-27

If you bear the name of Jesus, are you giving His name the glory that is due?