

THIRD COMMANDMENT

6/4/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Third Commandment”
 - Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)
 - This presentation will briefly mention two general categories – Name and Actions
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- Foundational scripture

Exod. 20:2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”

- Third Commandment

Exod. 20:7 “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”

1. Name

- The “sacred names” – in general usage

Excerpt from gotquestions.org: “Related to the Hebrew Roots Movement, the Sacred Name Movement developed from the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the 1930s . . . The Sacred Name Movement teaches that only ‘Yahweh’ is to be used as the name for God and only ‘Yahshua’ is to be used as the name for Jesus . . . From the original Sacred Name Movement, several subgroups have formed – including the Assemblies of Yahweh, the Assembly of Yahweh, the House of Yahweh and Yahweh’s Restoration Ministry.”

For the record – the complete writing (which included the excerpt above) points out its criticism about the Sacred Name Movement. I chose to report about the origin, not about their criticisms.

- Blaspheming the Name of the Lord – not irreverent, disrespectful, flippant

Lev. 24:10 a son (of Israelite woman & Egyptian father) – fight with a man of Israel
11 the son blasphemed the name of the Lord and cursed – took him to Moses
12-14 custody – then, outside camp – witnesses (all who heard him) laid hands
 on him – the congregation stoned him
15 whoever curses his God shall bear his sin
16 whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord – shall be put to death
Rev. 13:5 beast – a mouth speaking blasphemies

6 he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God – to blaspheme His name,
His tabernacle and those who dwell in heaven
Rev. 16:9 blasphemed the name of God – did not repent or give Him glory

2. Actions – dishonoring the family name

Lev. 18:21 “you shall not profane the name of your God” – (chapter – listing sins)
Lev. 20:3 defiled His sanctuary & profaned His holy name – (chapter – listing sins)
Lev. 21:1-23 speak to the priests
6 they shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God
12 not profane the sanctuary of his God
Ezek. 36:20-21 the Lord – “when they came to the nations (wherever they went), they
profaned My holy name – when they said, ‘these are the people of
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22	the Lord – “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake (which you have profaned among the nations where you went)”
23	the Lord – “I will sanctify My great name (which has been profaned among the nations, which you had profaned in their midst, and the nations shall know that I am the Lord”
Mal. 1:6	a son honors his father – a servant honors his master – as a Father, where is My honor? – as a master, where is My reverence? – they asked, “in what way have we despised your name?”
7-10	they offered lame offerings
11	“My name shall be great among the Gentiles” – “My name shall be great among the nations”
Matt. 7:21	religious talk
22-23	claiming the name – during good works – practice lawlessness
Mark 7:6	“honor with lips” – “heart far from Me”
7	in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men
8	laying aside the commandments of God – holding the traditions of men
Rev. 3:8	you have a little strength – have kept My word – have not denied My name
1 Tim. 6:1	servants honoring masters – name of God & His doctrine - not blasphemed
Titus 1:16	they profess to know God – but in actions, they deny Him
Titus 2:5	wives – that the word of God may not be blasphemed
6-8	husbands – pattern of good works
10	servants – that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior
James 1:26-27	seem to be religious – pure religion
James 2:7	don’t they (the rich) blaspheme the noble name by which you are called?
1-8	context = behavior.....how we treat people