**Bible Class Notes - Lesson 171 10 Commandments** 

## We must not misuse God's name in any way.

This week we consider the **3**<sup>rd</sup> of God's **10** Commandments

# Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord Thy God in vain. Exodus 20 v7

#### **Bible Readings for this week**

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Exodus 33v1-23 (Moses seeks the Lord's presence)	
Monday	Exodus 34v1-17 (Thou shalt worship no other gods)	
Tuesday	Exodus 34v18-35 (They knew Moses had been with God)	
Wednesday	Exodus 23v20-33 (Make no covenant with idols)	
Thursday	Deuteronomy 5v1-21 (They provoked God with strange gods	
Friday	Isaiah 6 (Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts)	
Saturday	Psalm 96 (Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness)	

## Important Question for us: Do I misuse God's Name in <u>any</u> way? Some of the Wonderful Names of God used in the Bible: -

<u>The Triune God</u> - God The Father, God The Son, (Jesus Christ) and God The Holy Spirit. <u>Collective Names</u> - Lord God Almighty, Eternal God, Everlasting God, King of Glory, Creator, Holy One, Righteous Lord, Judge, Lord of lords, LORD (meaning Jehovah). <u>God the Father</u> - Abba, Father, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Alpha and Omega <u>God the Son</u> - Lord, Jesus, Christ, Emmanuel (God with us), King of kings, Redeemer, Friend of Sinners, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, Son of Righteousness, Rock, Shepherd, The Word, The Way, The Truth and The Life. <u>God the Holy Spirit</u> - Holy Ghost, The Comforter, Creator, Giver of Faith and New Birth. Do not use the words, 'Christ', or, 'O, my God', as swear words. Do not swear at all.

#### Hymn 202 – Consider how sweet the name of Jesus sounds!

 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds 4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, In a believer's ear! My Prophet, Priest, and King; It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, And drives away his fear. Accept the praise I bring.

## The 10 Commandments – God's Moral Law, His Rules for <u>all</u> time.

- God's Name is Very Important and Precious to Him.
- $\circ~$  The Trinity Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Three in One.
- $\circ~$  He guards it with Holy Jealousy, and asks us to do the same.
- $\circ$   $\,$  We must use it with respect and honour in our worship and prayers.

## The meaning of God's Name: -

- The Lord (Hebrew Jehovah, Yahweh יָהֹוֶה Yəhōwā He Who is Life.
- $\circ~$  The self-existent One Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Eternal Alpha and Omega Beginning, and End, First, and Last.
- $\circ~$  Immutable Unchanging. The Godhead exists in perfect harmony.
- The Lord Our Maker and Provider.
- $\circ~$  Creator of our living soul source of all we need, physically and spiritually.
- We depend on Him Jesus said, 'Without Me ye can do nothing'. John 15v5
  'for in Him we live, move and have our being'. (See Acts 17 v23-28)
- The Lord Our Ruler.
- $\circ~$  The only One Who is to be worshipped and obeyed. None other.

## The importance of reverent praise for God's Name: -

### This commandment is broken by us if we: -

- Blaspheme Taking the Lord's Name In Vain (empty, insincere).
- $\circ$  ~ Using any of God's Names as a swear word Never do this.
- Despising God, joking about God or making fun of God.
- Engage in thoughtless worship.
- Not thinking of the words we sing in hymns and use in prayers.
- $\circ$   $\quad$  More interested in the music and singing than the words.
- Not sincerely joining in worship with humble, thankful hearts.
- Blatant Hypocrisy (Claiming beliefs that one does not have, lies)
- Claiming to be a Christian when we have not followed Bible truth.
- Misusing God's Name for personal gain or advantage.

### Be careful to worship and respect the One true God.

## Remember we have a Saviour Who kept God's Law and died to take the punishment for all our sins.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth". Psalm 96v9 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4v24