

### The Ten Words

**Understanding & Obeying the Ten Commandments** 

### Honoring God's Name Exodus 20:7



#### Exodus 20:7 (ESV)

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.



#### What is this commandment forbidding?

### Don't blaspheme or curse God's name



#### Leviticus 24:16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>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.



# Don't make an empty or false oath swearing by God's name



#### Leviticus 19:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.



# Don't proclaim false visions or falsely claim to speak for God



#### Jeremiah 23:25 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed,'



### These are common applications of the 3rd commandment.



# What God is commanding in Exodus 20:7 is broader than these specific applications



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#### Take = take up or carry



God's Name = YHWH ("I am who I am") is not just a name it communicates who He is



### In Vain = empty ...to no effect Something done in vain = it was ineffective



#### Exodus 19:4-6 (ESV)

4'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.



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Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;



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<sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."



#### 1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



#### 1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



#### **Exodus 28:29 (ESV)**

of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD.



## As followers of Jesus and royal priests we take up and carry the name of God



# The question is do we do in vain Do we carry it to no effect.



#### Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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