



## WORD

*"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."* **EXODUS 20:7**

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Because God is holy, we must treat Him with honor and respect. This includes His name, and how we use it. To take His name in vain means to use it lightly or misuse it in our daily speech. How does God expect us to use His name? Here are three ways we can honor and revere the Lord's name every day.

### 1 Respect God's name.

*". . . Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."*

**MATTHEW 6:9**

To "hallow" God's name means to honor His name as holy. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He was teaching them to begin their prayers by honoring the name of our heavenly Father. We must understand that how we speak about God is how we worship Him. Why do you think God's name is worthy of honor and respect? How do you respect His name?

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## 2 Glorify God's name.

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.* **PSALM 29:2**

When we ascribe glory to God, we are attributing glory to Him—and rightly so, because God is worthy of honor. God commands us to worship and glorify Him, in light of who He is. We do this with our words and our lives. In our own lives, how can we ensure that no one else gets the glory due to the Lord's name?

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## 3 Call upon God's name

*For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* **ROMANS 10:13**

God is our Creator and Redeemer. He loves us and gave His Son, Jesus, so that we could have eternal life, the forgiveness of sins, and salvation in Him. When we call upon His name, we can be assured that He hears us, and He is the mighty One who will save us (Zephaniah 3:17). In whose name alone can we find salvation? (Acts 4:12)

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## APPLICATION

- Do you take the name of God in vain? How will you respond to this commandment? What did you learn from this lesson, and how can you apply it in your life?
- Do you believe that God is worthy of praise, honor, and glory? How can you honor Him with your words this week?
- Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If not, would you like to call upon His name today, and receive His salvation in your life?

## PRAYER

- Pray that your words would always honor and glorify God. Repent for times when you have used His name in vain.
- Praise God for who He is and what He has done for you. Declare God's goodness in your life.
- Thank God for His gift of salvation. Take time to pray for family members and loved ones whom you're believing to be saved.



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