

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**

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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