

The Ten Commandments (3): Respect God's Reputation

Exodus 20:7

I. Names Are More than Mere Words.

- A. A person's name is important.
- B. The name of the Lord is to be revered because it reflects His reputation (Exodus 3:14-15, 20:2; Matthew 6:9).

II. How God's Name Is Misused.

- A. Careless Speech
 - 1. Irreverence (Ephesians 5:4)
 - 2. Promise-breaking (Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 23:16-22)
 - 3. Spiritual Forgery (Ezekiel 13:1-9)
- B. Careless Living (2 Samuel 12:13-14; Malachi 1:11-14; Romans 2:22-24)

III. Conclusion

- A. Our new name comes with benefits and responsibilities.
- B. As a name-bearer of Christ, Christians will either honor or dishonor His reputation.