

Taking God's Name

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The 10 Commandments: God's invitation to experience life at its best.

Exodus 20:7 Commandment #3

Misusing God's name has meant:

- **Swearing or cursing using God's name.**
- **Making oaths in God's name.**

Matthew 5:34-37 Just be truth speakers.

Question: What are some ideas you were taught that were "taking the Lord's name in vain"? Can you give examples?

Exodus 3:13-15

The name God gave for Moses to represent Him was "Yahweh", the personal name for God - translated Jehovah or LORD.

New Testament writers clearly identified Jesus with the same name as the God of Moses. (Hebrews 13:8)

1. Eternal and Self-existence
2. Creator and Sustainer
3. Immutable and Unchangeable
4. Personal and Present

"I want you to know Me and call Me by name, not just some magical, distant powerful force. But don't use My name to leverage or manipulate Me."

Question: Can you think of any examples how people try and leverage or manipulate God by "using" His name?

Psalms 63:3-4; 116:13; 111:9

Matthew 6:9

Question: Could it be misusing God's name is:

- **making our worship just going through the motions?**

Deuteronomy 10:21; Psalm 96:4

We misuse God's name:

- **when we as His children don't live up to His name.**

Questions: Were you ever told "remember what your family name is"? Was that a negative or positive? Why?

Sanctification: How we live and treat others should increasingly reflect the character of Jesus Christ.

John 13:34-35

You never look more like Jesus when you are serving others.

Matthew 23:23

Deliverance always happens before obedience.

Questions: If you've taken God's name, do you have His heart for justice, mercy, and faithfulness? What does that look like in your life?

Micah 6:8