

The 10 Commandments: Keep His Name Holy

Reflect

1. Think of time where you had to name something or someone. Was it difficult?
2. Why are names important?
3. Who is someone you have called on in your life when you needed direction, encouragement, or support?

Read Your Bible

- Deuteronomy 5:11
- Romans 10:9-13

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What is commanded in Deuteronomy 5:11?
2. What are the consequences?
3. How is the name of God misused in our culture? How is it used correctly?
4. The Apostle Paul offers insights into how the name of God should be used in Romans 10. What does he say?
5. Who is the name of God for?
6. What happens when we call on the name of Jesus?
7. How do you call on Him in your life?

Conclusion

At a first glance, this commandment seems to be all about what we should not do. We should not use the name of God in ways that are destructive, disrespectful, or dishonoring. Certainly, our culture has lost a reverence for the name of God. It is used in hurtful and demeaning ways casually every day. We should turn from this. The ancient Hebrew people believed that the name of God was so holy they would not speak it out loud. Instead, they used words like *Elohim*, meaning God or *Adonai*, meaning Lord. What the Hebrews knew was that God is holy and eternal, bigger than this world and His name should be used sparingly, purposefully and with profound respect. The name of God is to be used to call on, spoken because Jesus is the salvation of the world. The Apostle Paul reminds us of this. There is salvation in the name of God. Calling on Him as our savior brings us into eternal life. We use His name, not casually or irreverently, but with hope in who He is – Savior and Lord.

Pray

Father in Heaven, today we come before you humbled by the power of your love. Your grace and your truth give us hope and direction in a lost and hurting world. We call upon the name of Jesus, who is our Savior and Lord. Bring us out of our sin. Save us from ourselves. Lead us into everlasting life with you. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.