



Do Not Misuse God's Name



MEMORY VERSE: "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name." Exodus 20:8



Exodus 20:7 The Third Commandment

1. What does God say about how we should treat His name? What does God say about people who misuse His name? v. 8

2. Why do you think God feels so strongly about His name?

3. When you think of God's name what comes to mind?



Exodus 20:7 & Colossians 3:17 Misusing God's Name

4. Why do you think each of the following would be considered misusing God's name?
Speaking untruthfully about God

Thinking God's name is insignificant

Saying something has been done in God's name when it clearly hasn't

5. Read Colossians 3:17. What does it mean to be a representative of the Lord?

6. As a Christian, how do our actions impact how others view God?



Isaiah 42:5-8 I Am the Lord; that Is My Name!

7. Read Isaiah 42:5-8. After reading this, does it change your view of God's name? Explain. Do you believe that God is worthy of the title God and Lord?

8. Read verse 42:8. Why do you think God says this?

9. Why do you think this commandment is important to:
how we see God?

how our hearts are changed?

how others see God through us?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Giving God the glory He deserves and not misusing His name is a very important commandment. Not only does it recognize God as the one true God, but it also changes our hearts as believers. And when our hearts are changed, we are better representatives of Christ.

PRAY THE TRUTH

God, Help me to honor and glorify Your name in all things. May I be a good representative of you in all my words and actions. All praise be to you, the One True God! Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What is one thing you can do this week to:

stop misusing His name?

glorify His name?



Various References (NLT)

Exodus 20:7: “You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.”

Colossians 3:17: “And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

Isaiah 42:5-8: “God, the Lord, created the heavens and stretched them out.

He created the earth and everything in it.

He gives breath to everyone,
life to everyone who walks the earth.

And it is he who says,

6 “I, the Lord, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness.

I will take you by the hand and guard you,
and I will give you to my people, Israel,
as a symbol of my covenant with them.

And you will be a light to guide the nations.

7 You will open the eyes of the blind.

You will free the captives from prison,
releasing those who sit in dark dungeons.

8 “I am the Lord; that is my name!

I will not give my glory to anyone else,
nor share my praise with carved idols.”

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