

# What Is In A Name

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment

EXODUS 20:7

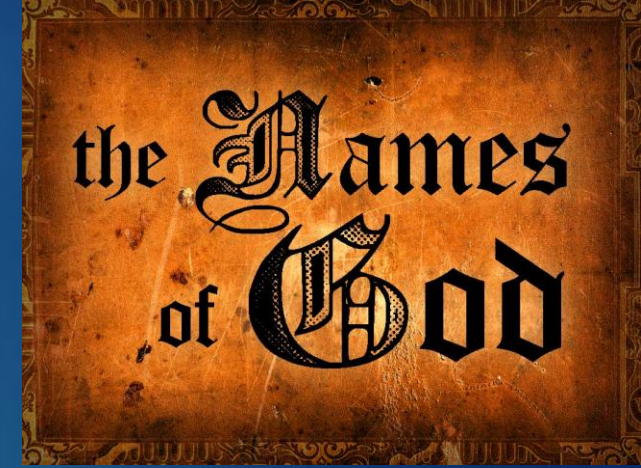
# First, Second, and Third



- ▶ Just like the second commandment is **related** to the first. The third commandment is also related to the second commandment—about the **image of God**.
- ▶ People creating an image of God and worshiping that instead of God Himself is because of their misunderstanding of who God is and confusion about His character, which is directly related to **God's name**

# The Confusion of This Command

- ▶ First, why make such a **big deal** about a name? (i.e. people call you names)
- ▶ Second, this does not **apply** to me, since it is for “those” people, and I am not one of “those” people who swears all day long.
- ▶ Third, this command is just a **minor thing** that is not all that important, compared to murder for example



# What Is In A Name?

- ▶ Names are significant for Hebrew people because they speak of the **character** of a person and represent His reputation
- ▶ There are many names of God in the Bible. Basically there are two types: **single** names and **compound** names.
- ▶ For example: the **LORD** is a single word, but there are many compound names that are related to this name





# THE NAMES OF GOD

*JEHOVAH*

*Lord*

*JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH*

*"The Lord is there"*

*JEHOVAH-JIRE*

*"The Lord my provider"*

*JEHOVAH-SABAOTH*

*"The Lord of hosts"*

*JEHOVAH-ROPHE*

*"The Lord who heals"*

*JEHOVAH-NISSI*

*"The Lord my victory"*

*JEHOVAH-NISSI*

*"The Lord our banner"*

*EL-SHADDAI*

*"Lord God Almighty"*

*JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH*

*"The Lord who sanctifies"*

*EL-ELYON*

*"The Most High God"*

*JEHOVAH-SHALOM*

*"The Lord our Peace"*

*ADONAI*

*"Lord and Master"*

*JEHOVAH-T'SIDKENU*

*"The Lord our righteousness"*

*EL-OLAM*

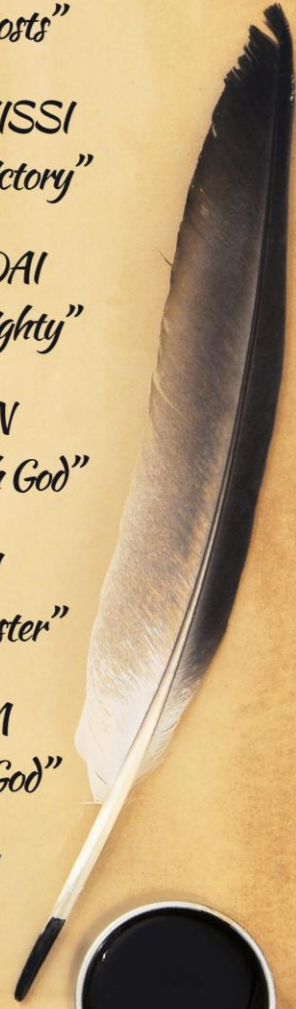
*"Everlasting God"*

*JEHOVAH-RAAH*

*"The Lord my shepherd"*

*ELOHIM*

*"God"*



- ▶ Each of the names of God is used in the Bible for a **specific reason** (e.g. Gen. 17:1)
- ▶ (this is just the OT, more names in the NT too)
- ▶ This is the way God **proclaims** Himself to us (Exo. 34:6-8; Psa. 29:2)

# God's Name is Important

- ▶ All these names speak to us of the **glory** of God and His character (Psa. 8:1)
- ▶ And we are to **honour** His name (Matt. 6:9)
- ▶ And it is through His name that we are **saved** (Acts. 4:12; Rom. 10:13)
- ▶ And we all will **bow** down to His name one day (Phil. 2:10-11)
- ▶ It is important to take God's name seriously



- ▶ What does it mean to take the name of God in **vain**?
- ▶ For one, **swearing** with name of God falsely (Lev. 19:12; also see Matt. 5:33-37)
- ▶ For two, **blasphemy** with the name of God (Lev. 24:16) (the root word is to puncture)
- ▶ Finally, **dishonouring** the name of God with our word or actions (i.e. Lev. 22:2)
- ▶ (Jer. 23:25) we need to be careful about using phrases like “God says...” or “God wants us to...”





# Conclusion

- ▶ Let us take time to **understand** the name of God and how amazing He is
- ▶ Let us take time to **honour** the name of God, not just publicly, but in our daily lives too
- ▶ Let us **proclaim** the name of God to the ends of the earth together

*For “**everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Rom. 10:13)*

