

MESSAGE

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Title : Hallowed Be God's Name
Text : Exodus 20:1-17

NOTES

INTRODUCTION:

I. THIS COMMANDMENT IS ABOUT GOD'S NAME AND HIS CHARACTER *Yahweh-his covenant name (Lord which speaks of divinity—God of Israel).*

1. *El-Divinity*
2. *Elohim—God*
3. *El-Elyon (God Most High)*
4. *El-Olam (Everlasting God)*
5. *El-Adonai (Lord)*
6. *El-Shaddai (God Almighty)*
7. *Abir—Mighty one*
8. *Pahad—Fear*
9. *Seboath--Hosts*
10. *Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)*
11. *Mighty God*
12. *Prince of Peace*
13. *Father*
14. *God of all comfort (II Corinthians 1:3)*
15. *My Light and salvation (Psalm 27).*
16. *Shepherd*
17. *Fortress, Rock, Stronghold*

II. POWER IN HIS NAME

1. Power to protect (Psalm 20:1).
2. Power to give victory (Psalm 20:5, 118:10,11, 12)
3. Power to bring fear to the enemies (Psalm 102:5).
4. Power to deliver the soul (Joel 2:32, Psalm 116:4)
5. Power to help the oppressed (Psalm 124:8)
6. Power whereby the righteous run into it and finds refuge (Proverbs 18:10).
7. Majesty in His name (Micah 5:4).
8. Power to save (Acts 2:21, Roman 10:13).
9. Power to heal (Acts 3:6, James 5:14).
10. Authority to be baptized (Matthew 28:18-20).
11. Power over demons and powers of darkness (Acts 16:18).
12. Power to be justified (I Corinthians 6:11).
13. Power on which every knee must bow (Philemon 2:10).
14. Power by which we inherit eternal life (I John 5:13).

III. SIN OF MISUSING HIS NAME

A). Meaning of misuse—take in vain—waste, unreal, empty, frivolous, insincere. Blaspheme is na'ats in Hebrew to mean despise or insult.

B). Punishment for misuse—we will be held accountable—**Matthew 12:36, 37**—by our speech, we will be judged.

“Speech is the sacred vehicle of the invisible soul, the most spiritual, non-material function of the body.” Kent Hughes.

Vows, oaths and swearing—Are they Christian? Yes, we can, but don't be slow to do it. **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7** talks about fulfilling our vows before God.

Jesus our Lord taught in **Matthew 5:34-36** that we should not swear. Rather let your yes, be yes; and your no, no (**Matthew 5:33-37**)!

To break an oath is to dishonor God's name and it is so easy to fall into the trap of the evil one.

IV. WHAT ABOUT THE UNPARDONABLE SIN?

Matthew 12:22-32

A). What is the unpardonable sin?—It is attributing to Beelzebub/satan what God the Holy Spirit did through Christ.

B). Can we commit the unpardonable sin?

C). Can one who has committed this sin be pardoned?

LESSONS TO LEARN AND TO OBEY:

If we truly know and love God, we will never misuse or abuse His name:

1. Don't Impress others by saying prophetically what God didn't say (Jeremiah 14:14-16, Ezekiel 13:6**)**

2. Don't use His name as a swear language e.g. Ananias and Sapphira used God's name to support their lie

3. Don't treat His Character and His word with contempt

4. Don't be distracted even by good intentions... **1 Kings 13:18.**

5. But honoring and exalting God's Name and His Word in our lives