



## HONOR GOD'S NAME

### Introduction:

## I. GOD'S NAME INVOLVES A SACRED REVELATION - What is "the Name" and its meaning?

### A. The Names of God

<b>HaShem (The Name)</b>		
<i>El</i> (God)	<i>Yahweh</i> (Lord, Jehovah)	<i>Ab</i> (Father)
<i>Elohim</i> (God)	<i>Yahweh Nissi</i> (The Lord My Banner)	<i>Avinu</i> (Our Father)
<i>Elah</i> (Awesome God)	<i>Yahweh-Raah</i> (The Lord My Shepherd)	<i>Abba</i> (Daddy)
<i>El Elyon</i> (The Most High God)	<i>Yahweh Rapha</i> (The Lord That Heals)	<i>Kadosh</i> (Holy One)
<i>El Olam</i> (The Everlasting God)	<i>Yahweh Shammah</i> (The Lord Is There)	<i>Magen</i> (Shield)
<i>El Gibor</i> (The Mighty God)	<i>Yahweh Tsidkenu</i> (The Lord Our Righteousness)	<i>Melek</i> (King)
<i>El Qanna</i> (Jealous God)	<i>Yahweh Mekoddishkem</i> (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)	<i>Melek ha'Olam</i> (Eternal King)
<i>El Shaddai</i> (Lord God Almighty)	<i>Yahweh Jireh</i> (The Lord Will Provide)	<i>Tsaddik</i> (Righteous One)
	<i>Yahweh Shalom</i> (The Lord Is Peace)	<i>Tzur</i> (Rock)
<i>Adon or Adonai</i> (Lord, Master)	<i>Yahweh Tzeva'ot or Yahweh Sabaoth</i> (The Lord of Hosts)	

### B. The Significance of God's Names

### C. The Name Revealed at Sinai (יהוה = Yahweh)

## II. GOD'S NAME INVOLVES A SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY - What constitutes misuse of the Name?

### A. How might we take the Lord's name "in vain"?

- *reductionist theology*
- *evolutionary theory*
- *triumphalistic piety*
- *superficial worship*
- *manipulative god-talk*

B. How might we profane God's name today?

- *blasphemy*
- *perjury*
- *hypocrisy*
- not using it at all

C. What is the positive application of this command?

Psalm 96

"The negative concern to not misuse the name of the Lord does not imply a vacuum. Even if we could become suddenly perfect and never misuse the name of the Lord again in this life, we are called upon to use His name in a positive way as we grow in our relationship with Him."

Edith Schaeffer, *Lifelines*, p. 78

When does sincere worship decline and this become a problem? (from Peter Masters)

- 1) a preoccupation with problems
- 2) a worldly spirit
- 3) disobedience to God
- 4) a lazy, casual approach
- 5) false teaching is present
- 6) a discontented, grumbling spirit

**Conclusion:**

**Food for Thought:**

- 1) Besides profanity, what are some common misuses of the Lord's name?
- 2) How does the third commandment build on the first two?
- 3) When you hear God's name misused, how do you react? What, if anything, should you do?
- 4) What difference does this commandment make in your own speech? thinking? actions?