

Few weeks ago, God led us to study 10 Commandments, and how APPLY!

1st Commandment in [Exodus 20:3](#), “*You will have no other gods before Me.*” (KJV & NIV) Means God first, not other things first...

2 commandment [Exodus. 20:4](#) “*You shall not make for yourselves any idol.*”

Remember “idol” worship is ignoring God, loving other things first.

Both 1st and 2nd Commandment talk about idolatry. What to do?

(1) Recognize/admit our sin and repent of it. (2) Return to God/Worship Him.

Last week began first part of 3rd commandment – [Exodus 20:7](#)

“*You must not use the name of the LORD your God thoughtlessly; the LORD will punish anyone who misuses his name.*” (NCV)

Background 1st – Name of the Lord is HOLY and POWERFUL. YHWH

[Leviticus 22:31-33 \(NCV\)](#) “*Remember My commands and obey them; I am the Lord. Show respect for My holy name. You Israelites must remember that I am holy; I am the Lord, who has made you holy. I did bring you out of Egypt so I can become your God. I AM THE LORD.*”

Now part 2 – First I must believe that our God is real, holy, and alive!

Examples - [bombardier beetle video](#); [pictures](#); “[Creation Calls](#)” video

If truly believe Jehovah God is real, alive, holy, powerful – Jesus raised!

Then back to Commandment #3 – do not misuse the name of our God!

Focus on 2 groups or areas:

1) SWEARING, cussing, cursing, profanity – using “bad” or “dirty” words. Why swear problem? Nothing?! All swear is insult or put down God’s name! D – actually send person to real hell. F, S, B – making fun of His creation.

[Ephesians 4:29](#) ESV (When you talk) Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths/signs, - not filthy, negative, pulling down -- but only such as is good for building up..., that it may give grace to those who hear (help them become stronger; benefit them)!

Mom - “Shut filthy mouth!” Know person every sentence includes swear. (Not Christian) Vs Christian - I know what his name represents. Those who know His name – be careful and respect! And not demean unbelievers!!

NOT talking about Christian people that talked filthy in past, then changed to follow the Lord now and stopped! Or just today learned – future!!

“Curse” - 2 different meanings of word “curse” – 1) dirty language 2) Opposite of blessing (Jesus – Matt 21)

Swear – 1) dirty language; or swear – 1) tell truth in court

2) Last week, talked about the holiness and great power of God's name, BUT -- I SAID NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF GOD'S NAME – mean?
One of the ways - wrongly using God's name to “Name it, claim it”

Starting in the 1960s, Spirit-filled churches were invaded by a hyper-authority movement often referred to as the “Name it and Claim it” gospel. I don't submit to His authority, but what I want I claim, without checking IF it is His will. Most often in finances – so it is called the “Prosperity Gospel ” “Name it Claim it”, or “Word of Faith” extreme!

Some churches/preachers say that God wants believers to wear the best clothing, drive the best cars, and have the best of everything. Believers need not suffer financial setbacks. All they need to do is to tell Satan to take his hands off their money. You believer? You can have whatever you want/say - whether the need is spiritual, physical, or financial. It is taught that faith moves God's hands to action... **Big problem is the attitude of telling God what to do. Bible never promised perfection, material wealth, everything we want, perfectly sunshiny days, and blue skies. God promised that my prayers will always be answered in the way I wish? No...

If I search the pages of my Bible, I find that the central focus of prayer NOT about me or my will – it's about God and His will. like Jesus in the garden, “Not as I will, but as you will, Lord.” Miracles for other people, not for self! Jesus didn't own a home, or even rent a place to lay His head! (ref Luke 9:58)

God is supreme! If God has told you something, then “claim it” – talk positive! Believe! But some “hyper-faith” Christians don't talk to God or ask His will, but pick few verses to support my side and try to twist His arm?? Look at ALL of scripture – don't TAKING ADVANTAGE of God's name!!

Wrap up – #3 Commandment -

1st group) “Shut your filthy mouth - instead open your righteous mouth!” [Matthew 12:36](#) says that someday, you and I will stand before God. And we'll have to answer to Him for every careless word we have signed/said. And if you're one of those people that's in the habit of “oh God”, “Jesus Christ”, or swear, then Jesus is going to say, “Wait a minute! I died for your sins! I went to cross. AWFUL! So that you could have a chance to go to heaven. That's how you thank me? You think it's cool to go around to say “Jesus Christ” every time you feel irritated? I thought you're a Christian.” (gulp)

2nd group) Don't use “Name it, claim it”, especially about money... Yes please don't talk negative. Positive with honesty! But extreme?? NO...

Encouraging message, and closing prayer