

Untarnished Name

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, March 27, 2022; Exodus 20:7; Craig Hurty

Sermon Theme – A true representation of God’s name is crucially important to Him. So, taking the name of the Lord should mean something to us. It should not be taken lightly. Therefore, respect for His name is ultimately seen in how we testify to our salvation and sanctification through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Misrepresenting God – Read Exodus 20:7

- A. What is the context surrounding Exodus 20:7? What is the significance of Exodus 19:4-6 in relation to the third commandment in Exodus 20?
- B. What does it mean to disrespect God’s name? According to Numbers 6:22-27, what is the appropriate response to those who are the Lord’s chosen people?
- C. Read Exodus 3:1-15. What does this incident reveal about God? How should the Lord’s desire for His name to be known and treasured stir our desire for His name to be represented rightly?

II. Obeying This Command – Read Leviticus 24:10-16

- A. Read Leviticus 24:10-16. How does Leviticus 24:16 expose the serious nature of the third commandment? Do you think the punishment for misrepresenting God’s name too extreme?
- B. Which of the sins of misuse of God’s name are you most prone to commit (inconsistency, misattribution, lip service, or informality)? What heart issue might be driving that pattern?
- C. Read Matthew 5:33-37. According to the text, how does Jesus unpack the third commandment? How does the issue of oaths display the deceptiveness of our hearts?
- D. Read Hebrews 1:1-3 and 5:8-9. How would you interpret this verse? In what ways do these verses display Jesus’ fulfillment of the third commandment?

III. Representing God Faithfully – Read Acts 19:13-16 and Colossians 3:9-17

- A. How should Colossians 3:9-17 shape the way in which we speak and conduct ourselves?
- B. As Christians, how should we strive to live our lives in a God honoring manner?
- C. How might we use our speech to edify others and glorify God’s name?