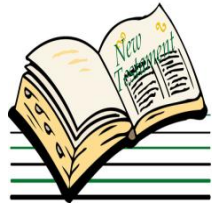


# Sermon Notes



Title: "The Third Commandment and the Use of God's Name"

Text: Exodus 20:1-7

Theme: We can take God's name in vain in a myriad of ways. When we employ holy things on our lips in a common, irreverent way, or blasphemous way, we take God's name in vain. We take His name in vain when we make a hypocritical profession of Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ when we continually order our lives contrary to God's Word.

## I. Exposition of Exodus 20:7

### A. Command (7a)

1. "Take" = \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_; in the sense of \_\_\_\_\_ or employing something
2. "God's name" [See II.A.]
3. "In vain" = \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Warning (7b)

- "Guiltless" - liable to \_\_\_\_\_

## Applications

- A. God's "name" includes all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself.
- B. The Third Commandment warns us against making a \_\_\_\_\_ profession of \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. What is the Third Commandment (v. 7)?
2. What does it mean to "take" God's name?
3. What does "in vain" mean?
4. What is the warning appended to the Third Commandment (v. 7b)?
5. How should we understand God's warning when people are not immediately punished when they take God's name in vain?
6. What does the "name" of God include?
7. How do many people commonly misuse God's name?
8. How does a false or hypocritical profession of faith relate to the Third Commandment?
9. How can you know if your profession of faith in Christ is real or false?
10. What does your treatment of the ways God's has revealed Himself say about what is in your heart?