

I. The name of the Lord

- A. Revelation before Moses (Exodus 3:13-15)
- B. *Yhwh* – “I am who I am” (printed as “LORD” in our bibles)
 - i. apart from creation yet fills it, 1 Kings 8:27; Isaiah 66:1-2
 - ii. does not change, Isaiah 14:27; 46:10; Psalm 77:10-12; 102:25-27; Ephesians 1:5,9,11; 3:11; Hebrews 6:7; James 1:17
 - iii. has no beginning and no end, Psalm 90:2; Genesis 1:1
- C. The Lord's name: representative of himself
- D. As opposed to the names of other gods (Exodus 23:13; Joshua 23:7; Psalm 16:4)

II. Taking up the name of the Lord

- A. The third commandment: “You shall not *take up* the name of Yhwh your God in vain,”
- B. Sometimes the name is a stand-in for God himself (Isaiah 50:10; Zephaniah 3:12; Leviticus 20:3; Ezekiel 43:8; Proverbs 30:9; Leviticus 24:16)
- C. Taking up the LORD's name: calling him to hear and judge your speech.
 - i. call on the name (Genesis 4:26)
 - ii. prophecy in the name (Deuteronomy 18:19)
 - iii. bless the name (Psalm 72:19)
 - iv. praise the name (2 Samuel 22:50)
 - v. curse in the name (2 Kings 2:24)
 - vi. swear by the name (Deuteronomy 6:13)
 - vii. swear falsely by the name (Lev. 19:12)
 - viii. Taking the Lord's name in vain: calling him to hear you but not meaning it.
- D. Light or vulgar use of God's name, especially false cursing
- E. False swearing – making a promise before God and not keeping it (Malachi 2:13-16; Psalm 24:3-4)
- F. False prophesy: two main kinds (Deuteronomy 18:20-22; 2 Timothy 4:3; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 4:1)
- G. False worship (Psalms 25:1; 86:4; 143:8; 63:4; Isaiah 40:26; 57:15)

III. How to think about this

- A. Guard your mouth, especially before God. (Ecclesiastes 5:2)
- B. This commandment is about speech. Speech is action. (Matthew 12:34; Mark 7:20-23)
- C. What Isaiah said (Isaiah 6:1-7)
- D. We need what Isaiah needed atonement. (Galatians 3:13-14)