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Developing a Radical Reverence

Exodus 20:7

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"What comes to mind when we think of God is the most important thing about us… the most portentous fact about any person is not what he or she at any given time may say or do, but what deep in their heart they conceive God to be like. We tend by some secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God." —A.W. Tozer

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. —Exodus 20:7

1. What's in a _____?

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A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. —Proverbs 22:1 NIV

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Irreverence: "A lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously."

2. What Does it Mean to Take _____?

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens" (Psalm 8:1)… "And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You" (Psalm 9:10)… "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness" (Psalm 29:2)…"He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake" (Psalm 23:3). "Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!" (Psalm 34:3)… "Yet He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make known His mighty power" (Psalm 106:8)… "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name" (Matthew 6:9)… "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Notes:

WE TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN WHEN WE…

• Make His _____ Trivial

"Desiring to cut God down to size, these theologies seek to accommodate the God of the Bible to contemporary standards of thought. As a result, in much of contemporary theology, we discover a desiccated, dehydrated, and demythologized deity—a God who bears no resemblance to Jehovah."
—Dr. Albert Mohler

I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.
—Psalm 138:2

• Let Our _____ Become Superficial

• Allow _____ to Get Casual

[29]Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. [30]And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption… [4]Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. —Ephesians 4:29-30; 5:4

• Think of _____ as Optional

3. Will You Bear the _____ of God's Name?

… that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.
—Philippians 2:15

[16]In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. [17]Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. —Matthew 5:16-17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything **in the name** of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. —Colossians 3:17

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