

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 ESV

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Character

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Reputation

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A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. —Proverbs 22:1 ESV

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## Relationship

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What does it mean to take  
God's name in vain?

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**Virtue:** Respect—showing others they  
are important by what you say and do.

**Bottom Line:** Show respect to God  
because He's in charge of everything.

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The name of God declares who God  
is and what God does.

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## God is Perfect

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Who among the gods is like you,  
O LORD?  
Who is like you—majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glory, working wonders?  
—Exodus 15:11 NIV

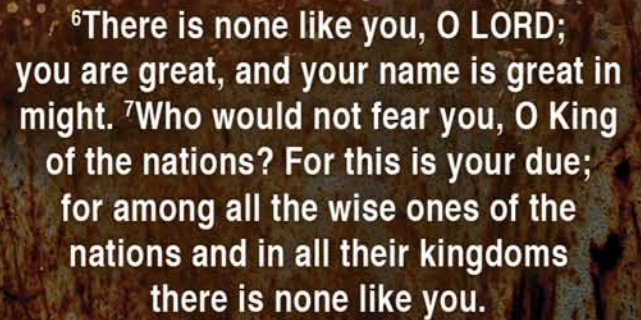
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**God is Powerful**


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**<sup>6</sup>There is none like you, O LORD;  
you are great, and your name is great in  
might. <sup>7</sup>Who would not fear you, O King  
of the nations? For this is your due;  
for among all the wise ones of the  
nations and in all their kingdoms  
there is none like you.**

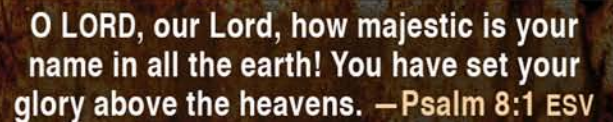
**—Jeremiah 10:6-7 ESV**

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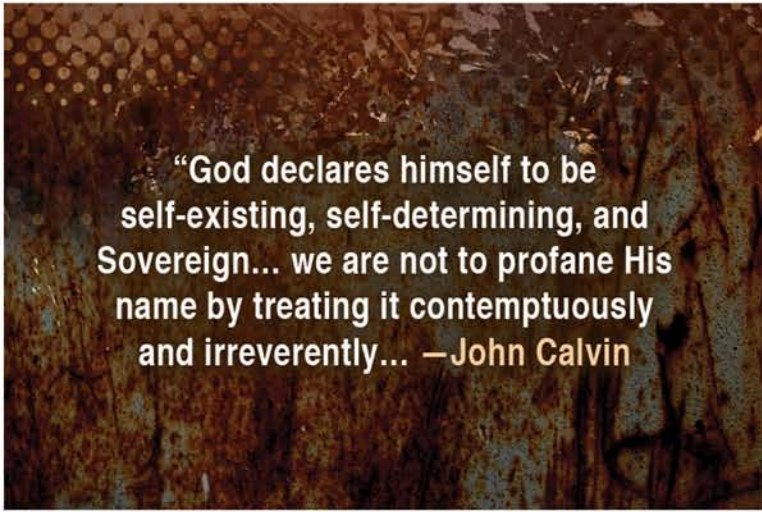
**God is Praiseworthy**

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**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your  
name in all the earth! You have set your  
glory above the heavens. —Psalm 8:1 ESV**

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**“God declares himself to be  
self-existing, self-determining, and  
Sovereign... we are not to profane His  
name by treating it contemptuously  
and irreverently... —John Calvin**

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**I. Consider the Practices of Indifference**

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**A. Profanity**

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**B. Forgery**

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**D. Flippancy**

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**E. Hypocrisy**

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**II. Pursue a Lifestyle of Reverence**

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**The name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
the righteous run to it and are safe.**  
—Proverbs 18:10 NIV

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**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us  
exalt his name together! —Psalm 34:3 ESV**

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**II. Pursue a Lifestyle of Reverence**

**A. Hold His Name in Reverence!**

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**Give the LORD the glory due to His name...**  
—Psalm 29:2 NKJV

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**B. Rely on His Name With Dependence!**

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**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 ESV**

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**C. Speak His Name With Confidence**

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If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.  
—John 14:14 NKJV

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<sup>18</sup> ... “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” —Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

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**D. Honor His Name in Obedience!**

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She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. —Matthew 1:21 ESV

...these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. —John 20:31 ESV

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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 ESV

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name... —John 1:12 NKJV

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. —Romans 10:13 ESV

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