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You know Â... I wonder what people really think that word means. I know that some don't even care by the way they just throw out God's name as a cuss word or use it to describe disgust. I have heard numerous individuals while they were talking to me, just flippantly use God's name in vain and then PROFESS TO BE A CHRISTIAN. FOLKS, you know me by now and I try to be bold as a lion when it comes to standing for Christ Â- BUT I'AM GONNA BE BOLDER Â- IF YOU DO THIS THEN YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO TAKE THE NAME OF OUR HOLY CREATOR, THE ONE THAT GAVE YOU YOUR VERY LIFE!!! THE ONE THAT HAS GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING YOU DEEM PRECIOUS IN YOUR LIFE Â- and you have decided to drag it through the mud... and use it to describe disgust. Do you know that people don't even use Hitler's name as a cuss word and he killed millions of Jews. PEOPLE WAKE UP!! IF YOU THINK YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN WHILE DOING THAT Â- I WOULD SUGGEST YOU READ YOUR BIBLE AND RE-EXAMINE YOURSELF- I WOULD HATE FOR YOU TO HEAR THESE WORDS -

Â"DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICED LAWLESSNESS, I NEVER KNEW YOU"

Quote of the Day Â- Â"Does it grieve you my friends, that the name of God is being taken in vain and desecrated? Does it grieve you that we are living in a godless age? But, we are living in such an age and the main reason we should be praying about revival is that we are anxious to see God's name vindicated and His glory manifested. We should be anxious to see something happening that will arrest the nations, all the peoples, and cause them to stop and to think again.Â"

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Here's a question that I've been asked during some Open-air preaching.

Â"Isn't it blasphemous to call the Bible Â'God's Word' when it makes Him look so bad?Â"

I am going to tell you some things about a friend of mine's father that will make him look bad. He regularly left my friend's mother to fend for herself. I was once horrified to hear that he deliberately killed a helpless animal. Not only that, but he hit my friend (often).

Here's the information that's missing: The reason he left my friend's mom during the day was to work to earn money to take care of her and their children. He killed the animal because it had been run over by a car and was suffering. He regularly chastened my friend because he loved him enough to teach him right from wrong (he was a brat). Portions of the Bible that Â"make God look bad" merely reveal that we lack understanding. My friend never once questioned his dad's integrity, because he trusted him (see Mark 10:15).

Today, we will look at the Third Commandment: Â"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD your God will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

Transgression of the Third Commandment reinforces the biblical case that the mind of unregenerate man is hostile to God and His Law, that they Â"hate God without cause.Â" This thought is offensive to idolaters, who strongly contest that they don't hate God. This is because they don't hate their own concept of God; they are on congenial terms with the idol they have created.

Using God's name in profanity is perhaps the simplest, most effective way for man to show his contempt toward his Creator. Godly Jews won't even speak God's name because it is so holy, yet unregenerate man uses it to express revulsion.

To slur someone's name is to insult the very person. Even a foulmouthed, tattooed, hardhearted biker has a soft spot for his mother.

He may have a tattoo of the devil on one arm and "Mom" on the other. If you want to get a free facial, insult his mother.

When Moses asked to see the glory of God, notice how God responded: "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you..." (Exodus 33:19). God's glory, His name, and His goodness are synonymous. Moses was told that if he saw God face to face in all of His glory, he would die (Exodus 33:20). How fearful it will be for blasphemous humanity to stand before the unspeakable glory of God, in all of His goodness, and give an account for every idle word. God's goodness will ensure that His justice is carried out. It is also interesting to note that when a blasphemer is questioned about why he would do such a thing, his reaction will often confirm the words of Scripture that he is taking God's name "in vain." He will say, "I wasn't really using God's name as a cuss word. It's just a word." In essence, God's name isn't anything special and isn't worthy of any respect. His attempt at justification merely adds to his sin. It is hard to understand how the world can hold the names of God and Jesus Christ in such disdain that they can be used to express disgust. Hitler's name wasn't despised enough to be used as a cuss word.

If you hear God's name taken in vain, don't tell the person it's offensive; use it as an opening for the gospel. While the Bible instructs us to "reprove and rebuke," it says to do so with "all longsuffering and doctrine." It is therefore important that we don't alienate the person we are trying to reach with the gospel. Our objective isn't to reprove some one because he has offended us with blasphemy, but to reach him for Christ. It is wise to try to engage the person in a conversation about natural things with the objective of witnessing to him. Because you know that he has openly transgressed the Third Commandment, when you ask if he has ever used God's name in vain, you can gently remind him that you heard him do so.

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Quote:

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This is really shocking. Truly shocking.