

The Third Commandment:

## Don't take God's name in vain

### Key Verse

**Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.**

**-Exodus 20:7**

### Discovery questions

- What is the message this commandment conveys to us?
- What do you think of blasphemy?
- Why God has given this commandment?
- What does this commandment teaches us about God?

### Set-1 Blasphemy should be punished

### Supporting verses and Discovery Questions

Deut 5:11

Exodus 22:28

Levi 18:21; 19:12; 24:10-16, 23

1. Why it is important not to insult and curse judges and rulers?
2. What does it mean by not to profane the name of the LORD?
3. Do you think if you swear falsely in the name of the LORD results in profaning the name of God? Why?
4. What is the penalty for blasphemy? Why?

## Set-2 We are sinners therefore should not judge others

### Supported Verses and Discovery Questions

Romans 3:23                      John 8:3-11                      Matthew 7:1-5                      Romans 2:1-8  
1 Corinthians 2:13-15, 4:5

1. What is the spiritual condition of all people?
2. What did Jesus told when the teachers of the Law and Pharisees and Sadducees persuasively asking Jesus to respond to their question: “Teacher this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”
3. What was the commandment of Jesus regarding “judging others”?
4. When the Law of Moses permits people to judge others by stoning such women to death why Jesus commands people not to judge others so emphatically then?
5. What are the observations of Paul’s regarding “judging others”?
6. Are we allowed to stone the blasphemers to death? Why?

## Set-3 God’s holiness and our responsibility as His Children

Levi 18:1-30                      Levi 19:9-18                      Levi 19:25-37                      Levi 20:6-21

1. What are the ways God has instructed us in the above mentioned scriptural passages to obey so that we might not take our God’s name in vain?
2. Can you describe how the holy God protects his people from sin and unholy relationships?
3. What are the specifications that God has given regarding the poor, widows, and foreigners, blind, deaf? In what way can we honor the name of our God?

## Conclusions:

The Commandment against blasphemy shows that we must hold the name of God in deep respect. The commandments and instructions that God has given straight away show his righteousness, justice, holiness and love for all mankind.

## Application Journal

Apply to your personal life through your obedience to what God has spoken to you while you finish this lesson for God intended transformation to take place in you.

Use the space below to record your SHARPening activity

**Simple** -a short activity that can easily be completed this week

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**Hands-on** -an action that goes beyond personal reading and reflection

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**Additional** - a new undertaking, one you are not already doing

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**Realistic** - a commitment that fits into your other priorities

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**Purposeful** -A response of loving obedience to God that reflects His concerns for people and that points them toward His goodness

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