

Receive One Another to the Glory of God - 2

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Scripture Reading

Acceptable Sacrifice of Praise - Psalm 15, Psalm 1

TEXT - ROMANS 15:7-13

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received [M - you] us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant [deacon, minister] to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written:

“For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name.” Ps 48:49

10 And again he says:

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” Deut. 32:43

11 And again:

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” Ps. 67:1

12 And again, Isaiah says:

“There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the
Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope.” Is. 11:1,10

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DOCTRINE - 3rd Commandment - Use the means that God has appointed to Know and Acknowledge God with the right attitude of Integrity, not hypocrisy.

We should use the means that God has appointed to grow in the possession of Him. We possess God by knowing God. We should seek to grow in the knowledge of God and to share the knowledge of God (1st Commandment) by the means God has appointed (2nd Commandment) with integrity instead of hypocrisy (3rd Commandment). To use means that God Commands with hypocrisy makes the Gospel look ugly and dead and brings curse upon ourselves and others. To use means that God Commands with integrity makes the Gospel look beautiful and living and brings blessing upon ourselves and others.

WLC Q111: Which is the third commandment?

A111: The third commandment is, **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.**

WLC Q112: What is required in the third commandment?

A112: The third commandment requires, That the name of God, his titles, attributes, ordinances, the word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, lots, his works, and whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought, meditation, word, and writing; by an holy profession, and Answerable conversation, to the glory of God, and the good of ourselves, and others.

WLC Q113: What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?

A113: The sins forbidden in the third commandment are, the not using of God's name as is required;[1] and the abuse of it in an ignorant,[2] vain,[3] irreverent, profane,[4] superstitious,[5] or wicked mentioning, or otherwise using his titles, attributes,[6] ordinances,[7] or works,[8] by blasphemy,[9] perjury;[10] all sinful cursings,[11] oaths,[12] vows,[13] and lots;[14] violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful;[15] and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful;[16] murmuring and quarreling at,[17] curious prying into,[18] and misapplying of God's decrees [19] and providences;[20] misinterpreting,[21] misapplying,[22] or any way perverting the word, or any part of it,[23] to profane jests,[24] curious or unprofitable Questions,[25] vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines;[26] abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms,[27] or sinful lusts and practices;[28] the maligning,[29] scorning,[30] reviling,[31] or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways;[32] making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends;[33] being ashamed of it,[34] or a shame to it, by unconformable,[35] unwise,[36] unfruitful,[37] and offensive walking,[38] or backsliding from it.[39]

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- 2) Negligence in the positive use of God's titles, attributes, ordinances, or works - We have a positive duty to speak the name of God, and to do so in ways that increase meaning in our own minds and the minds of others.

- a) Be zealous to know how to fill your mouth and mind and time with the meaningful expression of God's word.

[1] **Mal. 2:2** - If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To give glory to My name,” Says the Lord of hosts, “I will send a curse upon you, And I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, Because you do not take it to heart.

- 3) Ignorant usage of God's name - It is sinful to use the name of God in an ignorant way.

- i) Do not speak of things that you do not understand except to learn.
- ii) Do not succumb to the temptation to never speak of the things of God, but rather desire earnestly to have fruitful things to say and seek to learn so as to be able to speak fruitfully and frequently.

[2] **Acts 17:23** - 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

- 4) Vain usage of God's titles, attributes, ordinances, or works - It is wicked to use the name of God in a way that reduces meaning in our own minds and the minds of others.

- a) Webster 1828 - Vain - “1. Empty; worthless; having no substance, value or importance. 1 Peter 1:18. ... 2. Fruitless; ineffectual. All attempts, all efforts were vain ... 4. Empty; unreal; ... 8. False; deceitful; not genuine; spurious. James 1:26.”

- b) Do not speak so as to reinforce meaninglessness or uselessness of the names and things of God.

[3] **Prov. 30:9** - Lest I be full and deny You, And say, “Who is the Lord?” Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

5) Irreverent, profane mentioning, or otherwise using God's titles, attributes, ordinances, or works - We are forbidden from using the name and things of God in an irreverent or profane manner.

a) Irreverent - not showing "Fear mingled with respect and esteem"¹ where it is owed.

b) Profane - Putting a thing that is meant to be for a particular use (a holy thing) to another use (to make a set a part thing into a common thing).

[4] **Mal. 1:6-7, 12; 3:14** - 6 "A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?' 7 "You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the Lord is contemptible.' ... 12 "But you profane it, In that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled; And its fruit, its food, is contemptible.' ... **3:14** You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the Lord of hosts?

6) Superstitious mentioning, or otherwise using God's titles, attributes, ordinances, or works

a) Superstition is a claim to knowledge without warrant.

b) SUPERSTITION, noun [Latin superstitio, supersto; super and sto, to stand.]

1. Excessive exactness or rigor in religious opinions or practice; extreme and unnecessary scruples in the observance of religious rites not commanded, or of points of minor importance; excess or extravagance in religion; **the doing of things not required by God, or abstaining from things not forbidden;** or **the belief of what is absurd, or belief without evidence. Superstition has reference to god, to religion, or to beings superior to man.** 2. False religion; false worship.²

c) God told me. God called me. God moved me.

d) Pentecostalism, Charismatic Movement, Continuationism, A Magisterial view of the church or Tradition, Experience, or any other authority than the Word of God - explicit statements and necessary inferences therefrom.

[5] **I Sam. 4:3-5;** 3 And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the Lord defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us it may save us from

¹ 1828 - Reverence

² 1828 - Superstition

the hand of our enemies.” 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5 And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly that the earth shook.

Jer. 7:4, 9-10, 14, 31; 4 Do not trust in these lying words, saying, ‘The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are these.’ ... 9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, 10 and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations’? ... 14 therefore I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to this place which I gave to you and your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. ... 31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.

Col. 2:20-22 - 20 If you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— 21 “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,” 22 which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men?

- 7) wicked mentioning, or otherwise using his titles, attributes, [6] ordinances,[7] or works,[8] by blasphemy,[9] perjury;[10] all sinful cursings,[11] oaths,[12] vows,[13] and lots;[14]
 - a) God’s Titles - Names that cluster his attributes
 - b) God’s Attributes - Particular attributes that more distinctly point out some truth about God
 - c) God’s Ordinances - His law
 - i) Respect for Marriage Act an abomination and a tacking of the name of God in vain - The Congress of the United States, and the Resident of the White House have passed and signed into the farce of law the protection of homosexual “marriage” - homosexual mirrage, not marriage.
 - d) God’s Works - Creation & Providence

[6] **II Kings 18:30, 35;** 30 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, “The Lord will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” ’ ... 35 Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?’ ”

Exod. 5:2; 2 And Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.”

Psa. 139:20 - 20 For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.

[7] **Psa. 50:16-17** - 16 But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, 17 Seeing you hate instruction And cast My words behind you?

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a) Blasphemy - Webster’s 1828:

BLAS’PHEMY, noun An indignity offered to God by words or writing; reproachful, contemptuous or irreverent words uttered impiously against Jehovah.

Blasphemy is an injury offered to God, by denying that which is due and belonging to him, or attributing to him that which is not agreeable to his nature.

In the middle ages, blasphemy was used to denote simply the blaming or condemning of a person or thing. Among the Greeks, to blaspheme was to use words of ill omen, which they were careful to avoid.

1. That which derogates from the prerogatives of God. Mark 2:1.

- b) Perjury - bearing false witness, especially in matters of justice, especially under oath.
- c) Sinful Cursing
- d) Sinful oaths and vows
- e) Sinful Lots

[9] **Isa. 5:12** - 12 The harp and the strings, The tambourine and flute, And wine are in their feasts; But they do not regard the work of the Lord, Nor consider the operation of His hands.

[10] **II Kings 19:22** - 22 ‘Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice, And lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. ;

Lev. 24:11 - And the Israelite woman’s son blasphemed the name of the Lord and cursed; and so they brought him to Moses. (His mother’s name was Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)

[11] **Zech. 5:4** - 4 “I will send out the curse,” says the Lord of hosts; “It shall enter the house of the thief And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house And consume it, with its timber and stones.” ; **8:17** - 17 Let none of you think evil in [a]your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,’ Says the Lord.”

[12] **I Sam. 17:43** - 43 So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.; **II Sam. 16:5** - 5 Now when King David came to Bahurim, there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei the son of Gera, coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came.

[13] **Jer. 5:7** - 7 “How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me And sworn by those that are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, Then they committed adultery And assembled themselves by troops in the harlots’ houses. ; **23:10** - 10 For the land is full of adulterers; For because of a curse the land mourns. The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up. Their course of life is evil, And their might is not right.

[14] **Deut. 23:18** - 18 You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the Lord your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God. ; **Acts 23:12**, 14 12 And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

9) violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful;[15] and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful;[16]

[15] **Esth. 3:7, 9:24** - 7 In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, the lot), before Haman to determine the day and the month [Lit. *from day to day and month to month*], until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.; **9:24** - 24 because Haman, the son of Hammedatha the

Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to annihilate them, and had cast Pur (that is, the lot), to consume them and destroy them; ;

Psa. 22:18 -18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

[16] **Psa. 24:4** - 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. ; **Ezek. 17:16, 18-19** - 16 ‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke—with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. ... 18 Since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and in fact gave[a] his hand and still did all these things, he shall not escape.’ ” 19 Therefore thus says the Lord God: “As I live, surely My oath which he despised, and My covenant which he broke, I will recompense on his own head.

10) murmuring and quarreling at,[17] curious prying into,[18] and misapplying of God’s decrees [19] and providences;[20]

[17] **Mark 6:26** - 26 And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. ; **I Sam. 25:22, 32-34** - 22 May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who belong to him by morning light.”, 32 Then David said to Abigail: “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34 For indeed, as the Lord God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!”

[18] **Rom. 9:14, 19-20** - 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! ... 19 You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?” 20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?”

[19] **Deut. 29:29** - 29 “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

[20] **Rom. 3:5, 7, 6:1-2** - 5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) ... 7 For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?; 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

11) misinterpreting,[21] misapplying,[22] or any way perverting the word, or any part of it,[23] to profane jests,[24] curious or unprofitable Questions,[25] vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines;[26]

[21] **Eccl. 8:11, 9:3** - 11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. ; - This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. 3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. ; See Psalm chapter 39

[22] **Matt. 5:21-48** - 21 “You have heard that it was said to those [a]of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother [b]without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’[c] shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, [d]‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of [e]hell fire. 23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

27 “You have heard that it was said [f]to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to [g]sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to [h]sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

31 “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except [i]sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of [j]old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither

by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let [k]your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 [l]But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your [m]brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the [n]tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

[23] **Ezek 13:22** - 22 "Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life.

[24] **II Peter 3:16** - 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.; **Matt. 22:24-31** - 24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. 27 Last of all the woman died also. 28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

[25] **Isa. 22:18** - 18 He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball Into a large country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots Shall be the shame of your master's house. ; **Jer. 23:34** - 34 "And as for the prophet and the priest and the people who say, 'The [a]oracle of the Lord!' I will even punish that man and his house. ... 36 And the oracle of the Lord you shall mention no more. For every man's word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the Lord of hosts, our God., ... 38 But since you say, 'The oracle of the Lord!' therefore thus says the Lord: 'Because you say this word, "The oracle of the Lord!" and I have sent to you, saying, "Do not say, 'The oracle of the Lord!' " "

[26] **I Tim. 1:4, 6-7** - 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. ... 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm; **6:4-5, 20** - 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. ... 20 O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—; **II Tim. 2:14** - 14 Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.; **Titus. 3:9** - 9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

12) abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms,[27] or sinful lusts and practices:[28]

- a) From WLC 105 (sins forbidden in the 1st Commandment): "and ascribing the praise of any good we either are, have, or can do, to fortune, idols, ourselves, or any other creature."

[27] **Deut. 18:10-14** - 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you. 13 You shall be blameless [Lit. blameless] before the Lord your God. 14 For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you. ; **Acts 19:13** -

13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.”

[28] **II Tim. 4:3-4** - 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ; **Rom. 13:13-14** - 13 Let us walk [a]properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. ; **I Kings 21:9-10** - 9 She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor [Lit. at the head] among the people; 10 and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, “You have blasphemed God and the king.” Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die. ; **Jude 1:4** 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord [a]God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

13) the maligning,[29] scorning,[30] reviling,[31] or any wise opposing of God’s truth, grace, and ways;[32]

[29] **Acts 13:45** - 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. ; **I John 3:12** - 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous.

[30] **Psa. 1:1** - 1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ; **II Peter 3:3** - 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, [31] **I Peter 4:4** - 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

[32] **Acts 4:18; 13:45-46, 50; 19:9** - 18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ; ... 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. ... 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ... 19:9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily

in the school of Tyrannus. ; **I Thess 2:16** ... 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.; **Heb. 10:29** ... 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

14) making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends;[33] being ashamed of it,[34] or a shame to it, by unconformable,[35] unwise,[36] unfruitful,[37] and offensive walking,[38] or backsliding from it.[39]

[33] **II Tim. 3:5** - 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ; **Matt. 6:1-2, 5, 16; 23:14** - 6 “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ... 5 “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ... 16 “Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ... 23:14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

[34] **Mark 8:38** - 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

[35] **Psa. 73:14-15** - 14 For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning. 15 If I had said, “I will speak thus,” Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.

[36] **I Cor. 6:5-6** - 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!; **Eph. 5:15-17** - 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

[37] **Isa. 5:4** - 4 What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in

it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes? ; **II Peter 1:8-9** - 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

[38] **Rom. 2:23-24** - 23 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? 24 For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.

[39] **Gal. 3:1, 3** - 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? ... 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? ; **Heb. 6:6** - 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Q114: What reasons are annexed to the third commandment?

A114: The reasons annexed to the third commandment, in these words, The Lord thy God, and, For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain,[1] are, because he is the Lord and our God, therefore his name is not to be profaned, or any way abused by us;[2] especially because he will be so far from acquitting and sparing the transgressors of this commandment, as that he will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment,[3] albeit many such escape the censures and punishments of men.[4]

[1] **Exod. 20:7** - 7 “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.

[2] **Lev. 19:12** - 12 And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

[3] **Ezek. 36:21-23** - 21 But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went. 22 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. 23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord,” says the Lord God, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

; **Deut. 28:58-59** - 58 “If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, 59 then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary

plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses.; **Zech. 5:2-4** - 2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” So I answered, “I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits.” 3 Then he said to me, “This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: ‘Every thief shall be expelled,’ according to this side of the scroll; and, ‘Every perjurer shall be expelled,’ according to that side of it.” 4 “I will send out the curse,” says the Lord of hosts; “It shall enter the house of the thief And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house And consume it, with its timber and stones.”

[4] I Sam. 2:12, 17, 22, 24 - 12 Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord. ... 17 Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord. ... 22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ... 24 No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the Lord’s people transgress. ; 3:18... 18 Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him.”

CONCLUSION

God’s name is holy. God’s name is to be revered. Use it in such a way.

Speak so as to make your mouth useful for the proclamation of that glorious and dreadful name.

Speak in no other way.