

## Watch Your Mouth Notes

Exodus 20:7

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**Main Point:** When we see God as weighty, we won't want to take His name lightly.

### Phrase-by-Phrase Meaning

1. "You shall not take."
  - Begins with a very strong negative: " \_\_\_\_\_ do not do what follows."
  - Take means "to \_\_\_\_\_, to carry, to take up, bear and to raise."
2. "The name."
  - Knowing the name of the one true covenant-keeping God gave His people the special privilege of having \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
  - God's name represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of who He is and what He does.
3. "Of the LORD your God."
  - The first name in verse 7 is Yahweh and means "I am who I \_\_\_\_\_."
  - The second name is Elohim, which means, " \_\_\_\_\_ One" and refers to the one supreme and faithful God.
  - God invites us to call Him by name and to find safety in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His name (Proverbs 18:10).
  - There are at least \_\_\_\_\_ self-revealed names of God.
4. "In vain."
  - Vain means " \_\_\_\_\_, insincere, useless, wasted, with a worthless purpose."
  - It refers to being "empty of content or void of \_\_\_\_\_."
  - We take God's name in vain when we use it in a frivolous, casual, or \_\_\_\_\_ way."
  - More literally, it means, "You shall not lift up the name of the Lord your God for \_\_\_\_\_."
  - God is deeply offended when we \_\_\_\_\_ His name of meaning (Leviticus 22:32).
5. "For the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."
  - Guiltless means "to be made clean" or "to lay \_\_\_\_\_."
  - God wants us to know how serious He is about His name.
  - Takes refers to a person who \_\_\_\_\_ takes God's name in vain.

### Watching our Lives

1. It is possible to take God's name in vain even when His name is not uttered \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ breaks the third commandment and gives God's name a bad reputation.
  - I profane the name of the Lord when my \_\_\_\_\_ does not match the majesty of the Almighty (Mark 7:6).

- \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Christian in name and not living like one is a dangerous deal because this is a way of taking God's name in vain (Titus 1:16).
3. Christian means "\_\_\_\_\_ Christ."
- To claim to be a Christian means we are called by Christ's name and are striving to \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Romans 2:24).

### **Watching our Lips**

1. Blasphemy – to speak with \_\_\_\_\_ about God or to be defiantly irreverent.
  - Blasphemy is a verbal or written reproach of God's name, character, work, or \_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 24:16).
2. Cursing – is an expressed wish that some form of \_\_\_\_\_ or misfortune will befall or attach to one or more persons, a place, or an object.
  - This kind of speech empties God's name of meaning.
3. Cussing – means to use an obscene or \_\_\_\_\_ word, either towards God or against those made in the image of God (Ephesians 4:29).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ prayers
5. Vain \_\_\_\_\_ – repeatedly insert the name of God into our prayers much like we use the word "um." We are to fear God's name, not use it as a filler (Matthew 6:7).
6. \_\_\_\_\_ conversation – expressions like "Good Lord" or "Oh my God" are often used carelessly.
7. Worship songs – it's very easy when we sing to just mouth the words and not realize we may have just \_\_\_\_\_ our willingness to do whatever God wants. Be careful about sinning when you're singing.
8. Sneeze blessings – I wonder if we're really serious about seeking God's \_\_\_\_\_ on sneezers.
9. Crediting God for our \_\_\_\_\_ ideas – we need to be careful about definitively declaring, "God told me" or "God led me" unless we are really sure.
10. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ titles for God – Big Guy, Man Upstairs, etc.
11. Abbreviations – OMG is a shortened way to take God's name in vain.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ swearing – gosh, golly, heck, or jeez.
13. Jettison Christian \_\_\_\_\_ – "praise the Lord" and "I'm praying for you" when you really aren't.
14. Perjury – swear you are telling the truth but are actually \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:37).
15. Breaking vows – Ecclesiastes 5:5 warns us about making \_\_\_\_\_ vows.

### **When Someone Takes God's Name in Vain**

1. Don't be surprised when \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
2. Weep and then \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Watch your words and adjust your \_\_\_\_\_ – be gentle. Make sure you're not self-righteous or spiritually smug (Colossians 4:5-6).
4. Make a bridge to the gospel when you hear someone cursing or cussing – we are called "to spread the \_\_\_\_\_ of His name everywhere" (Isaiah 26:8).

### Action Steps

1. \_\_\_\_\_ His name – Jesus taught His disciples to pray, the very first petition is focused on the Father’s holy name.
  - If you want to refrain from taking His name in vain, \_\_\_\_\_ His name.
  - Get lost in the magnitude of His majesty and you’ll find yourself \_\_\_\_\_ God’s name instead of treating it as worthless.
  - Pray Isaiah 26:8.
2. Watch what you watch and be careful what you \_\_\_\_\_ to.
3. Reserve words like “awesome,” “glorious,” and “amazing” for God alone.
4. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ – all complaining is ultimately an assault on Almighty God and an attack on His name (Numbers 14).
5. If you’re a believer it’s time to get \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:19-20).
6. Bear His name \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 4:16).

### Clobbered by the Command

1. Our unholy words are linked to our unholy \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 15:19).
2. We need a new \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 2:17).
3. With a new heart and a new name comes a new \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
4. Salvation come through \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:12, Romans 10:13).
5. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ on His name (Psalms 9:10).