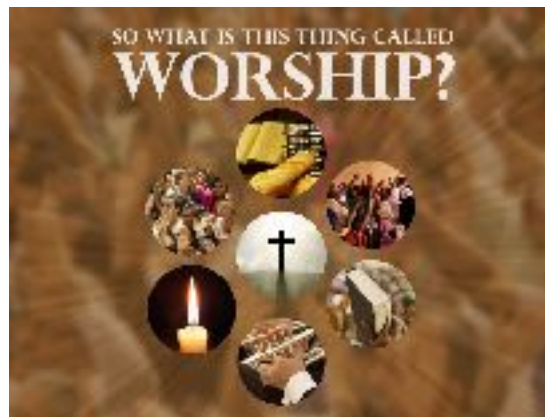


Worship is Respectfulness

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What we say matters to God and God will respond to us based on the words and sincerity with which we speak.



Exodus 20:7 (NRSV)

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Exodus 20:7 (NKJV)

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 (The Message)

No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter; God won't put up with the irreverent use of his name.

Matthew 6:9 (New Living Translation)

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.

Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ..."

Matthew 5:44-45a (NKJV)

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, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven

Observations

A Command And A Warning

Notice that the third of the ten commandments not only gives us a command, but it also includes a warning for not following this

Strong Words

Note that Jesus also stressed the importance of God's name when he taught the disciples how to pray.

The Power of Our Words

"Bless those who curse you"
If we are to bless those who curse us, do we have the right to curse others?

* Your Notes (what God is saying to you)

Application for abundant living:



How we use God's name is not only important because He has deemed it so in the Ten Commandments. It is important because names identify us. God has called you by name. He has not created you to be anonymous. He knows your name. Read the scripture (to the left) and insert your name (unless your name is Elizabeth) and know how personal God is. **He loves you so much that He knows your name. We can show respect and gratitude by knowing and honoring His name.**

Further Study for a deeper understanding:

Read: Matthew 12:33-37, 1 Timothy 4, Deuteronomy 5:11, and Philippians 2:9-11.

Consider how Matthew 5:33-37 reinforces the third commandment (Exodus 20:7).

Questions to personally consider:

- Do you call on the name of Jesus in anger (vs. a desire for His presence)?
- Can you stop yourself before you yell "curse you" in an argument?
- Can you speak respectfully of those who persecute or curse you?
- Do the people in your life notice that how you speak to and about people is different from what they hear elsewhere?

Take your answers to God in prayer and ask Him to continue to mold you in the image of His Son.