

Giving men the right to use His name is a great condescension on God's part. God allows us to use His name in covenant with Himself and to bear witness of Him before the world. We are his witnesses. Acts 1:8

The abuse of God's name is a great sin and causes terrible offence to the Holy, Lord God, who is infinitely jealous of His own name. He will not allow us to ascribe glory to another, nor to deny Him of His own glory.

God's justice is cited as the reason for punishment of all who are guilty of abusing God's name.

How to pray so we may use God's name aright:

1. Be slow to use God's name even in your worship of Him.
2. Be sure to use God's name thoughtfully.
3. Address God as a holy Trinity of persons, using Christ's name as mediator.
4. Pray for God's name to be honoured in our worship. That our words, desires and calling on His name will add honour unto Him.
5. Pray for God's name to be made known to the ungodly. This is the prime motivation for evangelism. Men sin because they are ignorant of God, thus our first burden must be that they know about God and then know Him personally through Christ.
6. Pray for our missionaries in their work of making known the name of the Lord to the nations of the world.

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Exodus 20:7 Leviticus 26:10-16,23.

Q. 111. *Which is the third commandment?*

A. 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.*

Q. 112. *What is required in the third commandment?*

A. 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.

Q. 113. *What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?*

A. The sins forbidden in the third commandment are, the not using of God's name as is required; and the abuse of it in an ignorant, vain, irreverent, profane, superstitious, or wicked mentioning or otherwise using his titles, attributes, ordinances, or works, by blasphemy, perjury; all sinful cursings, oaths, vows, and lots; violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful; and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful; murmuring and quarreling at, curious prying into, and misapplying of God's decrees and providences; misinterpreting, misapplying, or any way perverting the word, or any part of it, to profane jests, curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines; abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms, or sinful lusts and practices; the maligning, scorning, reviling, or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways; making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends; being ashamed of it, or a shame to it, by unconformable, unwise, unfruitful, and offensive walking, or backsliding from it.

Q. 114. *What reasons are annexed to the third commandment?*

A. 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*, are, because he is the Lord and our God, therefore his name is not to be profaned, or any way abused by us; 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, albeit many such escape the censures and punishments of men.