

THE SMALL CATECHISM

The Ten Commandments



St. Peter, One of Jesus' Disciples

The Second Commandment

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The Second Commandment:

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.”

What does this mean?

“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.”

I What Is A “Name”

- A. What you are _____ by (alleged)

- B. What _____ you (represents)

- C. What you _____ (of)

- D. It indicates other's _____ for you (regard)

Why is God so concerned about the use of His name?

II Three Ways We Break This Commandment

- A. We _____-use God's name (ism) by...
 - 1. _____-ing (usage):
 - a. To wish, command or _____ evil on someone (invoke)

 - b. An unholy _____-er (rhapsody)

2. _____-ing (ewars): Two types
 - a. “Swearing” means “to make an _____.” (atho)
 - b. Two Types of Swearing:
 - i. Proper: When commanded by _____
 - ii. Improper: When not ne- _____-ary (escs)
 - c. Example: Peter in Matthew 26: 69-75

“Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.” Jesus in Matthew 5:37 (NIV)

3. Use Of _____-craft (iwcht) and the Occult:
 - a. Examples
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
 - iv.
 - b. What do *all* of these examples have in common?
4. _____ (iel):
 - a. By misstating and/or misrepresenting the _____ (tthur)
 - b. In-_____ -tionally or Unin -_____ -tionally (ent)
 - c. The most serious truth we must never lie about is the truth of God's _____ (ordw)

5. _____ people using God's name. (eceived)

a. False Faith-healers

b. False Prophets

c. Others:

B. We _____-use God's name (ba) by...

1. Using it in _____ (ngera)

2. Using it in a _____ way (ulgarv)

3. Dis-_____ -ing God and His work. (onorh)

C. We _____ -use God's holy name (isd)

1. _____ it (gnoringi)

2. Refuse to _____ and _____ it. (eadr/udyst)

3. Dis-_____ (oybe) God's Word.

III How God *Wants* His Name Used

A. _____ (yerpar)

B. _____ (irsepa)

C. To _____ Him. (anthk)

For Reflection:

- 1) Why does God not want us to misuse His name?

- 2) What did Peter do to demonstrate, without doubt, that He wasn't a Christian?

- 3) In what ways do you misuse God's name? What can you do to keep from doing this?

- 4) What can you do when you hear others misuse God's name (cursing, swearing, etc.)?

Assignment: . Memorize the meaning to the Second Commandment

Study Guide: “The Second Commandment”

Part I: True Or False. *The Second Commandment* . Place a “T” (*True*) or “F” (*False*) before each question below.

- ___ 1. The only reason God cares about His name is because He thinks He’s a big shot.
- ___ 2. The statement, “Go to hell” is really a prayer that we are bringing before God.
- ___ 3. Not all oaths dishonor God.
- ___ 4. God doesn’t care if we play with Ouija boards. After all, it’s just a game anyway.
- ___ 5. Horoscopes are God’s way of telling us the future through our birth date.
- ___ 6. The Devil is greatly honored every time we dishonor God.
- ___ 7. Peter loved Jesus so much that, when confronted, He cursed and swore His love for Jesus.
- ___ 8. Praying to God is something that the Second Commandment urges.
- ___ 9. When battling Goliath, David called upon God’s name to help Him.
- ___ 10. Daniel was eaten by lions because He cursed God and misused His name.

Part II: Matching (pp. 10-11) Match the items on the right by placing the letter of the matching item before the item on the right.

___ 1. Tells what we must do	a. Killed by David
___ 2. Goliath	b. Coarse language
___ 3. Curse	c. Prayed three times a day
___ 4. Daniel	d. The Law
___ 5. Vulgar	e. An unholy prayer

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