

Rethinking the Third Commandment

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I remember growing up in the church, I had a young friend who could not sing the song “Unto Thee O Lord” in good conscience. Though the lyrics of this song are taken directly from Psalm 25, my friend was troubled by one phrase: “O my God,” (Psalm 25:2). Surely my friend was taught by his parents to honor the third commandment, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,” and he was careful to not speak the phrase, “O my God.” Though his intention was pure, he didn’t fully understand the commandment.

Do you take the Lord’s name in vain? We must speak with reverence, but if all this commandment means to us is that we don’t speak the Lord’s name as profanity, I think we’re not seeing the whole picture. The third commandment has broad implications and sky-high stakes that we may not often realize.

In Ezekiel 36, we see the Lord’s rebuke of Israel for taking his name in vain. Because of their rampant idol worship and violence, God “scattered them among the nations,” (vv16-19). Read for yourself what happened next.

Ezekiel 36:20–21 (ESV)

“(20) *But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, ‘These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.’ (21) But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.*”

God’s people, the Israelites, took his name. They were known as “The people of the Lord.” However, because of their blatant ungodliness, they misrepresented their heavenly Father. Other nations saw the Israelites’ failure and viewed the Lord as weak; God’s reputation was profaned among the nations. By their actions, the Israelites took the Lord’s name in vain.

Jesus words in Matthew 6:9–10 connect the third commandment to Christians today.

“Pray then like this:

*‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come,
your will be done,*

on earth as it is in heaven.’”

What does it mean when Christians pray, “hallowed be your name”? It means we want God’s name, his reputation, what is known about him, to be respected and revered among others! Importantly, when we pray these words, we don’t pray a vague hope. We remind and commit ourselves before God to take his name well.

God’s people, Christians, take his name. Like the Israelites were thousands of years ago, we are known today as “The people of the Lord.” How do we represent our heavenly Father? Unbelievers are watching us and are drawing conclusions about God based on what we say and do. Let’s pray that God’s name is revered in the world. In our speech and by our actions, let’s not take the Lord’s name in vain. Rather, let’s speak of God with reverence and live for him in reverence.

Caleb Boggs



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Karen Honeycutt, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Larry McMahan, Cheryl Neilans, Lyn Pendergraft, Dale Privett, Edith Toney, Miles Wolgamott.

Congratulations to **Mike and Anita Hinman** who are great-grandparents. McKinley Kay O'Connell arrived 9 weeks early at 2 lbs.. 7 oz. and is doing well.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a member with some medical expenses. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our **services** when you can't be with us in person.

Please sign the **birthday card** on the welcome desk for a boy at Fair Haven.

The **elders** will be meeting on Thursday. If you have items you would like them to consider, please contact one of them.

The **Summer Youth Series** is tonight at the Kings'. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts and everyone bring a \$5 gift for a Christmas in July gift exchange. Next week, it will be at Tim and Carla Murrays'.



This Sunday's Sermons:

- AM: Don't Be a Fool (Danny Boggs)
- PM: A Tale of Two Blind Men (Kaden King)

Youth Service Day is Wednesday. Please meet at Neosho Christian School at 9:00.

HYG Trips 2020

- August 29: Show-Me Youth Conference
- September 18-20: MOVE Conference in OKC
- October 9-11: GVBC Week 2 Weekend

The Sojourners will be continuing until Thursday at **Neosho Christian School**. They are helping the school with some needed repairs to further provide for the safety of the students. Several from here have also provided a helping hand. If you have time to help or would like to help them financially, call the school or Lowell McInturff.

Bryant David Marks, son of Chandler and Chelsey was born July 14, weighing 7.69 lbs. and measuring 19.5 inches. Lou Ann Cook is the great-grandmother. You can leave a gift for him on the table in the foyer by Wednesday. Their registry is at <https://www.babylist.com/Marks-babyboy>.

The annual **Green Valley Bible Camp** golf tournament fundraiser will be August 8. Visit the camp Facebook page or www.flagstone.church/gvbcgolf for more information. 

Larry Bergner, director of the Newton County Health Department, reached out to us in search of ten good people who would be interested in **part-time employment** to aid in monitoring local cases of Covid-19. Likely, it would involve working two days a week in the health department conference room, making phone calls at a stipend of \$10/hour. A medical background would be helpful, but mainly good people skills are needed. If you are interested, call Mr. Bergner at 417-592-4848. He aims for the endeavor to begin next Monday.

Hillcrest Ladies,
Thank you so much for the Sunshine bag. Each item in it was special to me. I'm so blessed to have such a wonderful Christian family,
In Christian Love,
Karen

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, August 2

- AM Opening: Peter Wald
- Communion Prayers: Jason Bryan
- AM Closing: Sam Collinsworth
- PM Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- PM Closing: Joe McLain

Wednesday, August 5

- Opening: Stuart Anderson
- Closing: Kaden King

RECORDS

7-26-20

7-28-19

Bible Study	102	164
AM Worship	160	201
PM Worship	100	141
Wednesday	143	211 VBS
Contribution	\$7,600.98	\$9,104.36
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37