

EXODUS: The Person, Promise, and Power of God
Exodus 20 – The Ten Words of Our Fearful God, Part 2

*20 And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
Exodus 20:1-2*

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

New Hampshire Confession of Faith, Article 2

⁷“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.

“This commandment is about more than foul-mouthed profanity which is so prevalent today. Literally what is said is “You shall not bear up (or lift up) the name of the Lord your God to falsehood (or emptiness).” ‘Bear’ or ‘lift up’ is not used on its own to refer to speech, and ‘name’ is more than merely uttering the sound of the word Yahweh. ‘Name’ refers to all that the Lord has revealed of himself: his power, his love and his justice.”
- John L. Mackay, *Exodus*, Mentor Commentaries, 348.

The covenant originates in _____.

Yahweh is the most significant thing about the Ten Commandments. When he gives voice to the inauguration of this covenant, the first thing he does is announce his own identity: “I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex. 20:2). No gods before him. No carved images of him. No misuse of his name. No work on the day he hallowed and blessed.
- James M. Hamilton Jr., *God’s Glory in Salvation through Judgment: A Biblical Theology*, 99.

The 1st Commandment tells us we must worship _____.

⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. (Psalm 96:4-5)

The 2nd Commandment tells us we must worship Him as He _____.

“An invisible God has the right to determine how he is to be made visible (or not).” (Kevin DeYoung)

The 3rd Commandment tells us we must worship Him as He _____ – and never treat His revelation as “empty”, “nothing”, “worthless”, or of “no good purpose”.

In what way does God reveal Himself?

The Name ...

²God spoke to Moses and said to him, **"I am the Lord.** ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but **by my name the Lord** I did not make myself known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. ⁵Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶Say therefore to the people of Israel, **'I am the Lord,** and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and **you shall know that I am the Lord your God,** who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. **I am the Lord."**

Exodus 6:2-8

Some applications:

To _____ God _____ is to violate this command.

To _____ God ' _____ ' is to violate this command.

To _____ God's name _____ is to violate this command.

To _____ or _____ is a violation of this command.

To _____ God _____ or _____ is to violate this command.

To _____ God _____ is to violate this command.

To _____ God _____ is to violate this command.

Put positively ...

_____ God (and His name)

_____ to God

Be _____ in speaking *of* or *for* God.

Be _____ in all your words and dealings.

Be _____ in all your _____.

_____ and _____ God as He is _____.

Live in such a way as to bring _____ to His name.

"If you want a simple summary of the third commandment – a New Testament exhortation putting in positive language all that is required of us – here it is: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3:17). We obey the third commandment by living as Christians, by speaking and doing everything according to the family name. For when we do all that we do – and do it in Christ, for Christ, and through Christ – we show that his is the name we value, the name we love, and the name that is above all names."

- Kevin DeYoung, *The Ten Commandments: What They Mean, Why They Matter, and Why We Should Obey Them*, p. 62.