

10: His Name, His Day

Exodus 20:7 "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.

What is the actual command?

- Forbids the misuse of His Name.
- We must use His Name with respect and awe.

To understand it completely we must look at it the way the Israelites would have looked at it:

- Take = Nasa = Bear
 - Related to imaging
 - **Exodus 28:12** And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. So Aaron shall **bear** their names before the LORD on his two shoulders as a memorial.
- Vain = Shav = emptiness, useless, false
- Do not bear the Name of the Lord your God in an empty or false way
- Do not call yourself a follower of Yahweh and represent Him in a way that others would see Him as He is not.

Colossians 1:10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

God's Name is more than a title or identifier. It is His character.

This command forbids:

- No perjury – Swearing by God's Name
 - **Isaiah 48:1** "Hear this, O house of Jacob, Who are called by the name of Israel, And have come forth from the wellsprings of Judah; Who swear by the name of the LORD, And make mention of the God of Israel, But not in truth or in righteousness;
- Blasphemy
 - Declaring God is something He is not.
 - Declaring something to be of God that is not God.

- Saying God is pro abortion.
- Giving a false prophecy in His Name – God told me to sleep with him if I want to keep him. God will set Trump as His herald to the earth.
- Saying God told you something to give it weight when He did not.
- Profaning
 - Using His Name as a swear word
- Flippancy
 - Being careless with the Name of God. Tossing it around without thought.
- Hypocrisy – Saying one thing but acting differently.
 - **Matthew 15:7-9** Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ *"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."*

What does this reveal about God?

- It declares that God desires to set His Name, His character on and over us.
 - **Exodus 3:13-14** Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they say to me, "What *is* His name?" what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" "
 - **John 17:6** "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
- It reveals that His name is special and powerful, not to be treated lightly.

- **1 Samuel 17:43-45** So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!” ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

- Jehovah Elohim Meaning – Creator
- Jehovah – Self-Existent One
- Adonai – Lord
- El Elyon – God Most High
- El Roi – God Who Sees
- El Shaddai – All-Sufficient One
- Jehovah Jireh – Lord Who Provides
- Jehovah Rapha – Lord Who Heals
- Jehovah Nissi – The Lord My Banner
- Jehovah Shalom – The Lord is Peace
- Jehovah Sabaoth – Lord of Hosts
- Jehovah Mekoddishkem – Lord Who Sanctifies
- Jehovah Raab – The Lord My Shepherd
- Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord My Righteousness
- Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is Present

What does this reveal about us?

- It reveals that we are designed to bear His Name. To look like Christ. To fully represent Him
 - **Colossians 3:17** And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- We have access to His Name and the power that is within His Name
 - **Matthew 6:9** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

- **Philippians 2:9-11** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What are God's promises?

- **Numbers 6:22-27** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: ²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.'" ' ²⁷ **"So they shall put My name on the children of Israel,** and I will bless them."
- **John 14:13-14** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.
- **Proverbs 18:10** The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

Do not take the name in vain, take it in victory

Pray in His Name, Call on His Name, Trust in His Name.

Commandment #4

Exodus 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

What is the Command?

This is the one command that is a bit trickier than the others. All 10 commands are re-instituted in the New Testament pretty much exactly, if not stricter, as they are in the Old Testament.

But the Sabbath is different. It also is re-instituted, but in a different manner. To understand the command as it applies to us, we must look at the change.

And He rested on the seventh day: God did not need rest on the seventh day because He was tired.

- **Psalm 121:4** Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Exodus 16:16-30

This is where manna first came. God instructs them to take 1 portion each day for 5 days, then on the 6th day take 2 portions. On the 7th day no manna will come, so they do not have to go gather, they can rest.

- This is the people's first experience with the Sabbath.
- God kind of forced the Sabbath on them by not providing anything for them to gather.
- But it taught them that resting was keeping His commandments.
- This also showed them that trusting God to provide for your physical needs is resting in Him.
- What are they resting from?
- What work?
- They are resting from the work that sustains them. That provides life for them.

What does the New Testament say about the Sabbath?

- **Colossians 2:16-17** So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, ¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.
- Since we are not under the law we are not bound to observe the Sabbath, although, the physical rest provided by it is beneficial
- However, the Sabbath was a shadow of things – in other words points to something better.
- What is the better?

This leads us to the next question: **What does this reveal about God?**

It reveals that He does all the work.

Hebrews 4:1-5 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "*So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' "* although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: "*And God rested on the seventh day from all His works*"; ⁵ and again in this *place*: "*They shall not enter My rest.*"

- **The first part of rest in God is our salvation.**
- Just as the Israelites were to cease from their works, we are to cease from doing works to earn salvation.
- Our level of righteousness has nothing to do with our works, or with clean living, rather it is based entirely on our faith and in believing in God.
 - **Romans 4:4-5** Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness

- **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

What we do is not related to our righteousness, rather it is related to what we believe. We can only behave according to what we believe.

The second part of the rest of God is for those who already believe – sanctification.

Hebrews 4:9-11 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

- Here, the author of Hebrews is clearly speaking to those already saved.
- And it also shows that it is possible to live and not enter His rest.
- But after being saved, what are we resting from?

Exodus 31:12-13 Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹³ "Now as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You must keep My Sabbaths; for *this* is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, so that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

- God clearly states here that the Sabbath is a sign to show that it is God who sanctifies us.
- We rest from sanctifying ourselves. That is God's work.
- Sanctify – kaw-dash – to be made clean, purify
- **Galatians 3:2-3** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

The purpose of the Sabbath is to point to a time where we would cease working to be righteous and allow God to make us righteous. Not just for salvation, but in sanctification

That leads us to the question: What does this reveal about us?

- We want to try to earn things. To be found worthy.
 - But, we enter the rest of God when we cease from our works.
 - We have to be diligent to enter that rest.
 - Diligent means to make effort, labor
 - Our rest is allowing the life of Christ to live through us. But that is not doing nothing.
 - It is a ceasing from making our right standing with God all about what we are doing. It is about what we are believing
- **Galatians 2:20-21** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

What are the promises?

The promises are simple:

God will make us righteous when we put our faith in Him

God will sanctify us, as we continue to trust in Him

We have one work we must do. Jesus said so:

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."