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Sunday - May 12, 2024

Taking the Lord's Name in Vain

by Troy Spradlin

When God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, one of the Ten Commandments was, "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." (Exodus 20:7) What does it mean to take the Lord's name "in vain"? Does this passage still apply to us today?

First, let's break down the words used in the command. The words, "take the name" literally mean to carry, bear, or lift up. The implication we can draw from that is God's people are His image-bearers, thus, we are carrying His name and representing Him through our words and actions. The Apostle Paul likens it to being "ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us." (2 Corinthians 5:20) As His people, our behavior, how we treat others, and what we say tells others something about God. Good or bad. The challenge of this verse - which still applies to Christians today - is to represent God well.



Secondly, the Hebrew word translated as "vain" denotes "emptiness, hollow, nothing, worthless, or of no good purpose." But God's name has meaning, great value, and power. It is certainly not empty or worthless. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 111:9, "**Holy and awesome is His name.**" Holy means "sanctified, or set apart," indicating that it is something very special. Jesus taught, in the Model Prayer, that we are to pray, "Our Father in heaven, **Hallowed be Your name.**" (Matthew 6:9) "Hallowed" is a word that means "to revere or acknowledge, or to be venerable and respected; consecrated; separate from profane things." Therefore, the natural implication is simple: we must be careful how we use His mighty name, for it is no ordinary name!

Leviticus 24:16 is an example of how serious God is about the use of His name. "And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him ..." While Christians are no longer under the Old Covenant, that is still a harsh warning for us in how we are to treat His name. It still applies to us in principle. The bottom line is, God expects His people (and really all of His creation) to respect, revere, honor, and esteem His name above all names. **When we use God's name in some flippant, careless, or disrespectful way, we take His name in vain.** The Bible calls that a sin.

Several years ago, I heard a preacher say, "God's first name is not 'Oh my' and His last name does not begin with the letter 'd.'" He was referring to how so many in the world today just carelessly dishonor God by using His name in such a vulgar way. It has become all too common or popular on social media and other circles to so flippantly blaspheme His name. But it isn't just adding phrases, or using His name in coarse language that can be considered sinful. For example, when someone swears by or uses God's name for their own personal gain, that is also taking His name in vain. Or, when someone tries to justify their actions "in God's name." Such as, when people say "God wants me to be happy" in order to justify some sin they were unwilling to give up. Yet, in reality, if what God is "telling them" doesn't line up with what is found in the Bible, then that is not God speaking, that is them justifying. It is an abuse and is disrespecting His name.

Nothing about God's sovereignty, character, or holiness has changed since He first created the world. As our Creator, let us all be reminded to continually exalt His great name and never, ever disrespect it.

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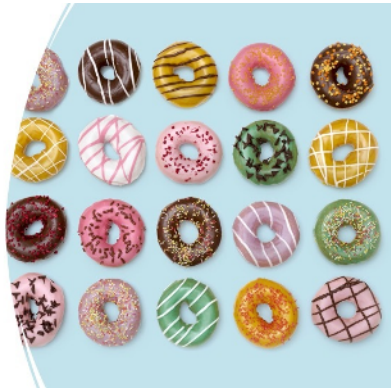
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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. May 22nd
4:30 pm in the FH



MSYG SINGING SERVICE PROJECT
MAY 22 | 3:45 PM
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June 2 | Makars

MSYG SUMMER KICKOFF
TUESDAY, JUNE 4
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Lucedale, MS 39452

Camp Sessions & Dates:

- Baldwin County Week:** May 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)
- Gulf Coast Week:** June 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)
- Middle & High School Week:** June 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)
- Junior Week:** June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)
- Hattiesburg Week:** July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

register at gulfcoastbiblecamp.com

JULY 27
Vacation Bible School

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him."
Psalm 89:7



Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Joe Bartell* - hip replacement, recovery
- Cassie Buchanan* - recovery, PT outside
- Sherry Davis* - physical/mental comfort
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Richard Fisher* - back surgery, recovery
- Josie Locklin* - pacemaker, recovery
- Gloria Martin* - humerus broken, recovery
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Newcomb family - birth of Gemma Grey!
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Clark Smith - recovery, prayers
- Edwina Sumrall-broken tailbone, prayers
- Debbie Rivers - surgery soon (Jak G.* sister)
- Ted Russell* - stent replaced, recovery
- James Williamson-heart surgery (Roxanne P)
- Kellie Ward family - loss of Kellie (Myers)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Winston & Lola Burnham-loss of Brooks Ann
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family* - loss of Terry
- Lanya Lester and family - loss of mom, Renee
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis*-Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rosa Health Care
- Larry McDaniel*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Coral Bay of Pensacola
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Rachel Bugsby - heart surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton-severe health issue(McGriff*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Patrick Johnson- upcoming surg. (McGriff*)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae , health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Victoria Martinez - thyroid, prayers
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Edith Sullins - @ home, recovery (Hatcher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation(Pace)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Lynn Colada - (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jennings - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Greg Lewis* - lung cancer
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Amy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Eli Whitney* - prostate
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Students in College

- Savannah Smith
- LizAnn Webb
- Stephen English
- Lily Weathersbee
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Reed Wilson
- Jackson Lash
- Lexi Wildes
- Caleb Owens

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Deanna Wilson* - Restored 4/19/24
- Joe and Gloria Martin* - Identified 2/4/24
- Billy & Heidi Hudgens*-Identified 4/21/24

Expectant Mothers

- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MAY 12

MORNING

Opening Prayer Josh Jennings
 Song Director Mason Chandler
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Hannah: A Godly Mother"
 Scripture Reading Jeff Scott
 1 Samuel 2:1-10
 Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Matt Gingerich Trevor Bostwick
 Jeremy Dunaway Brad Turner
 Cooper Jennings (Balcony)
 Comments Paul Lipford

EVENING

Opening Prayer Josh Owens
 Singing Holden Raley
 Scripture Nick Bartell
 Ephesians 4:11-16
 Comments Paul Lipford

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ... Harrington Family
 PowerPoint Connie Bartell
 Greeters John Pace
 Secure Building Jak Gallagher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Dalton Lester
 Opening Prayer Mike Scott

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 168
 AM Worship 209
 PM Worship 160
 Wed. Night Bible Class 146
 Contribution \$10,814
 Weekly Budget : \$11,558

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!
You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.
 Or, ask any member for assistance.
Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 6/11/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 6/12/24 @ 5:30 PM
 - 6/13/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 6/13/24 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating toiletry items or sunblock

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



OWLS BIBLE STUDY

ANGELS AND DEMONS

Every Thursdays @ 10:30 AM
 Starting February 1st

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