

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) God's plan for our homes is not failure, but victory.
- b) The Ten Commandments were given primarily to the home and to the family.
- c) God gave us the Ten Commandments because of His love for us.
 - i) Every time God says, "Thou shalt not," He is saying, "Don't hurt yourself."
 - ii) Every time God says, "Thou shalt," He is saying, "Help yourself to happiness."
- d) The Ten Commandments are for our good and for our welfare.
- e) God tells us in Exodus 20:7 that we are not to take His name in vain.
 - i) This infers that we are to take His name in victory.

2) WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- a) When children were born in Bible times, the parents would pray over the children and name them according to the prayer and a prophecy.
 - i) This is why we often see people in the Bible who had names that matched their character.
- b) Matthew 1:21
 - i) The name "Jesus" means "Jehovah saves."
- c) There is personality in His name.
 - i) The God we serve is not abstract, but He is a real person.
 - ii) When God uses specific names for Himself, He is describing Himself to us.
 - (1) He desires to have a relationship with us and for us to know Him.
 - iii) In Exodus 20:7, the Hebrew name "Jehovah" is used and so is the name "Elohim."
 - (1) "I am Jehovah, thy Elohim."
 - (2) The name "Jehovah" speaks of the everlasting God who is a covenant keeper.
 - (a) This represents God's personal relationship to His people.
 - (i) The God who keeps His word.
 - iv) "Elohim" speaks of the Mighty One; it speaks of God's strength and power.
 - v) When these names are put together, He is saying, "I am a covenant-keeping God, who has power to perform His Word. I am the God who will never break My promises to you."
 - d) There is power in His name.
 - i) The Bible speaks often of the power of the name of the Lord.
 - ii) 1 Samuel 17:42-45
 - (1) David's victory over Goliath happened in the name of the Lord.
 - iii) John 14:14
 - iv) Colossians 3:17
 - e) There is protection in His name.
 - i) Proverbs 8:10
 - ii) We can take refuge in the name of Jesus.
 - f) There is provision in His name.
 - i) John 16:23

- ii) Anything we can sign Jesus' name to, God the Father will give us.
 - (1) This does not mean anything that we sign our own names to or casually think we can rubber-stamp with God's approval.
 - g) There is praise in His name.
 - i) Psalm 8:1
 - ii) Psalm 34:3
- 3) HOW DO WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO NOT TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VANITY?
- a) The word vanity or vain has the following meanings:
 - i) Meaningless
 - ii) Empty of content
 - iii) Carelessly
 - iv) Thoughtlessly
 - b) We need to teach our children to never use profanity.
 - i) When we take God's name in profanity, it shows two things:
 - (1) An empty head
 - (2) A wicked heart
 - (a) Matthew 12:34
 - (i) Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.
 - (b) A profane mouth shows a profane heart.
 - ii) Someone has said that profanity is a feeble mind trying to express itself.
 - iii) Taking God's name in profanity is needless and excuse-less and brings only judgment.
 - iv) We need to teach our children to be careful with our speech.
 - (1) Don't use "second-hand" cursing.
 - (a) Many euphemisms and slang words are derived from phrases or words that take God's name in vain.
 - c) Another way to take God's name in vain is through frivolity.
 - i) This means to take God's name carelessly or lightly.
 - ii) Ephesians 5:3-4
 - (1) "Foolish jesting" in this passage refers to little sayings or witticisms that include the name of God.
 - (2) God's name is holy and should never be used lightly.
 - d) God's name is often used in vanity through hypocrisy.
 - i) Isaiah 48:1
 - ii) Hypocrisy occurs when we do not live by the Name that we profess.
 - iii) Many parents may teach Sunday school or be in leadership in the church, but their lifestyle does not match what they say they believe.
 - iv) Children and teenagers recognize hypocrisy in their parents and often turn away from the church and from the Lord as a result.
 - v) Matthew 7:22-23
 - vi) If we are going to live for God anywhere, we need to live for God in our homes.

- vii) When we name the name of Jesus, we should do so in sincere belief in word and in deed.
 - viii) We need to show our children that we honestly and sincerely love the Lord.
 - ix) When we pray in the name of Jesus, we should not simply forge His name to the end of the prayer.
 - x) When we sing songs of praise and worship in church, we need to honestly and sincerely mean the words that we sing.
- 4) HOW DO WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VICTORY?
- a) When we teach our children to take God's name in victory, then they will be less likely to take His name in vanity.
 - b) Colossians 3:17 shows us how to take God's name in victory.
 - c) The last name for God given in the Bible is Jesus.
 - d) We need to teach our children to wear His name.
 - i) Acts 11:26
 - (1) When we call ourselves Christians, we are wearing His name.
 - ii) 2 Timothy 2:19
 - (1) When we wear His name, we must walk the talk.
 - (2) As Christians, we are not our own; we are bought with a price. We are bought by His blood that was shed to save us from our sins.
 - e) We need to teach our children to share His name.
 - i) Malachi 3:16
 - (1) God has three books.
 - (a) The book of revelation
 - (i) This is the Bible.
 - (b) The book of redemption
 - (i) This is the Lamb's Book of Life.
 - (c) The book of remembrance
 - (i) God is writing down and remembering when we fellowship around His name.
 - (2) This is the character we want to build into our children.
 - (a) The greatest mark of character is the fear of the Lord.
 - (i) Proverbs 1:7
 - (3) Psalm 34:3
 - (4) Hebrews 10:25
 - ii) We need to teach our children the names of God.
 - (1) Some of the names of God include:
 - (a) Jehovah Tsidkenu - "The LORD, Our Righteousness"
 - (b) Jehovah Shalom - "The LORD, Our Peace"
 - (c) Jehovah Nissi - "The LORD, Our Banner"
 - (d) Jehovah Shammah - "The LORD who is present"
 - (2) Proverbs 23:7
 - (3) Psalm 9:10

- f) We need to teach our children to bear His name.
 - i) Acts 5:40-42
 - ii) The name of Jesus is hated in our world today.
 - iii) There is a concerted effort opposing the name of Jesus.
 - iv) We need not be ashamed of the One who died for us.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Teach your children to bear the name of Jesus.
 - i) To unfurl the banner.
 - ii) To march under the blood-stained banner of Jesus.
 - iii) Do not be ashamed of the one who died for you.
- b) Teach your children to wear the name of Jesus.
- c) Teach your children to share the name of Jesus.
- d) Philippians 2:9-11
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16