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The 3rd Word: “Do not bear the name of YHWH your God in vain” Ex 20:7

Before hearing the sermon on the 3rd Word, how would you have defined what it means to “take God’s name in vain?” How do you think most people (especially non-Christians) would understand this command?

After hearing the sermon, how would you now describe or explain what it means to bear God’s name in vain?

Give examples of where and how do you see people bearing God’s name in vain.

How does God’s name (i.e. God’s “endorsement” or “affirmation”) get misapplied and abused by people?

What is wrong with bearing The Name falsely?

Read **Isaiah 45:4-6 & 21-24** (note: whenever LORD appears in all caps it means the divine name YHWH is being used).

Based on these verses, why does God care so much about people knowing his name?

Why does God care so much about his covenant people (i.e. Israel and then the Church) bearing his name in ways which bring honor to him?

Read Isaiah 58

How are the people falsely bearing God’s name?

What are modern examples or parallels to this?

How does God describe what faithful name-bearing entails (vs6-14)?

What does this practically look like when lived out today?

Based on what you see in Isaiah 58, what are the consequences of failing to bear God’s name faithfully?

Based on the passage, what are the consequences of successfully bearing YHWH’s name?

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