

Series: Families That Win

Play # 3: Teach Them About The Greatest Name Of All



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“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, irreverently, in false affirmations or in ways that impugn the character of God]; for the Lord will not hold guiltless nor leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain [disregarding its reverence and its power].” **(Exodus 20:7 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/exo.20.7.AMP>

I.

A. Profanely

“His mouth is full of curses and deceit (fraud) and oppression; Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness [injustice and sin]. He lurks in ambush in the villages; In hiding places he kills the innocent; He lies in wait for the unfortunate [the

unhappy, the poor, the helpless]. He says to himself, “God has [quite] forgotten; He has hidden His face; He will never see my deed.”

(Psalms 10:7-11 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.10.7-11.AMP>

B. Humorously

This means making light of Holy things

“A happy heart is good medicine and a joyful mind causes healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.”

(Proverbs 17:22 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/pro.17.22.AMP>

“But above all, my fellow believers, **do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be [a truthful] yes, and your no be [a truthful] no, so that you may not fall under judgment.**”

(James 5:12 AMP)

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“But sexual immorality and all [moral] impurity [indecent, offensive behavior] or greed must not even be hinted at among you, as is proper among saints [for as believers our way of life, whether in public or in private, reflects the validity of our faith]. Let there be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse [obscene or vulgar] joking, because such things are not appropriate [for believers]; but instead speak of your thankfulness [to God].”
(Ephesians 5:3-4 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/ep.5.3-4.AMP>

C. Hypocritically

“And now listen to this, family of Jacob, you who are called by the name Israel: Who got you started in the loins of Judah, you who use God’s name to back up your promises and pray to the God of Israel? **But do you mean it? Do you live like it? You claim to be citizens of the Holy City; you act as though you lean on the God of Israel, named God-of-the-Angel-Armies.** For a long time now, I’ve let you in on the way I work: I told you what I was going to do beforehand, then I did it and it was done, and that’s that. **I know you’re a bunch of hardheads, obstinate and flint-faced, So I got a running start and began telling you what was going on before it even happened.** That is why you can’t say, ‘My god-idol did this.’ ‘My favorite god-carving commanded this.’ You have all this evidence confirmed by your own eyes and ears. Shouldn’t you be talking about it? And that was just the beginning. I have a lot more to tell you, things you never knew existed. This isn’t a variation on the same

old thing. This is new, brand-new, something you'd never guess or dream up. When you hear this you won't be able to say, 'I knew that all along.' You've never been good listeners to me. You have a history of ignoring me, A sorry track record of fickle attachments—rebels from the womb. But out of the sheer goodness of my heart, because of who I am, I keep a tight rein on my anger and hold my temper. I don't wash my hands of you. Do you see what I've done? I've refined you, but not without fire. I've tested you like silver in the furnace of affliction. Out of myself, simply because of who I am, I do what I do. I have my reputation to keep up. I'm not playing second fiddle to either gods or people.”

(Isaiah 48:1-11 MSG)

<https://bible.com/bible/97/isa.48.1-11.MSG>

“This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, For they teach as doctrines the precepts of men.”

(Matthew 15:8-9 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.15.8-9.AMP>

II. _____

A. **Reverence the Name**

“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father, who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name. Give us this day our daily bread.’”

(Matthew 6:11 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.6.11.AMP>

“O Lord, our Lord, How majestic and glorious and excellent is Your name in all the earth! You have displayed Your splendor above the heavens. Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babes You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, That You might silence the enemy and make the revengeful cease. When I see and consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have established, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?”

(Psalms 8:1-4 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.8.1-4.AMP>

[Psalm 23:1](#) says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," another instance of *Yahweh*. This name for [God](#) is frequently combined with other words to form more specific descriptions of Him. Psalm 23 is in reality a brief expounding of eight names of God in the first five verses. It brings to light:

YHWH-Roi—God our shepherd—[Psalm 80:1](#).

YHWH-Jireh—God our provider—[Genesis 22:14](#).

YHWH-Shalom—God our peace—[Judges 6:24](#).

YHWH-Nissi—God is my banner—[Exodus 17:15](#).

YHWH-Ropheka—God our healer—[Exodus 15:26](#).

YHWH-Zidkenu—God our righteousness—[Jeremiah 23:6](#).

YHWH-Shammah—God is present—[Ezekiel 48:35](#).

YHWH-Mekaddishkem—God who sanctifies—[Exodus 31:13](#).

Each of these names provides us with building blocks of knowledge to strengthen and encourage us in the use of [faith](#).

B. Raise the Name

“O magnify the Lord with me, And let us lift up His name together.”

(Psalms 34:3 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.34.3.AMP>

III.

A. **Wear His Name**

“And when he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. For an entire year they met [with others] in the church and instructed large numbers; and it was in Antioch that the disciples **were first called Christians.**”

(Acts 11:26 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/act.11.26.AMP>

“Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God [which He has laid] stands [sure and unshaken despite attacks], bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, **“Let everyone who names the name of the Lord stand apart from wickedness and withdraw from wrongdoing.”**

(2 Timothy 2:19 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/2ti.2.19.AMP>

B. **Share the Name**

“Then those who feared the Lord [with awe-filled reverence] **spoke to one another**; and the Lord paid attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who fear the Lord [with an attitude of reverence and respect] and who esteem His name.”

(Malachi 3:16 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mal.3.16.AMP>

“Not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, **but encouraging one another**; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the day [of Christ’s return] approaching.”

(Hebrews 10:25 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/heb.10.25.AMP>

“And those who know Your name [who have experienced Your precious mercy] will put their confident trust in You, For You, O Lord, have not abandoned those who seek You.”

(Psalms 9:10 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.9.10.AMP>

C. Serve in the Name

“Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, **do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus** [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

(Colossians 3:17 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/col.3.17.AMP>

D. Suffer for His name

“The Council (Sanhedrin, Jewish High Court) took his advice; and after summoning the apostles, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and released them. **So they left the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy [dignified by indignity] to suffer shame for [the sake of] His name.** And every single day, in the temple [area] and in homes, they did not stop teaching and telling the good news of Jesus as the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed).”

(Acts 5:40-42 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/act.5.40-42.AMP>

E. Be Secure in His Name

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; **The righteous runs to it and is safe and set on high [far above evil].”**

(Proverbs 18:10 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/pro.18.10.AMP>

Answer Key:

I. How We Should Not Use The Name Of The Lord

II. How We Should Use The Name

III. How We Should Teach His Name