



IronWorks: STAND YOUR GROUND Part 2

Solid footing in the real world: April 2 & 7, 2021

Commandment #3: *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.*

Hallowed: Matt. 6:9

— to regard as holy, to keep sacred, to honor

Knowing His name:

God, Yahweh, Lord, Highest (Most High), Holy One, Mighty One, Father, Judge, Redeemer, Savior, Deliverer, Shield, Strength, Almighty, Righteous One, Lord of Hosts

Honoring His name:

Jesus' whole ministry was to reveal, honor, and magnify God's name:

- John 17:3, *I have manifested your name to the people*
- John 17:6, *I kept them in your name*
- John 17:26, *I made known to them your name*

“Name” is synonymous with “word, truth, authority, love, reputation”

- Acts 2:21
- I John 5:13
- Phil. 2:9-10

Dishonoring His name:

False claims: Lev. 19:12

- Dishonoring commands #1 & 2
- Profiteering from the poor
- Theft
- Lying
- Oppression of workers
- Discrimination against the handicapped
- Injustice in court
- Hate

"I am the LORD."

Doing evil according to the rules: being legal, but immoral

- John 18:28

Questions for discussion:

- 1) Has your name ever been misused or misrepresented? What was your reaction? Does this help you understand this command?

- 2) How could I better honor God's name as a steward, a worker, a parent, a citizen?

- 3) What kinds of behaviors and speech are causing disrepute to the name of our God?