

Taking the Lord's name in vain:
How we are becoming desensitized

Introduction:

Examples of what I have recently seen, heard or read recently regarding taking the Lord's name in vain.

TV, radio, email, jokes, texting (euphemisms)

Body:

What is a definition of God's name?

A being conceived as the perfect, omnipotent, omniscient originator and ruler of the universe, the principal object of faith and worship in monotheistic religions.

God is the indescribable, uncreated, self-existent, eternal all-knowing source of all reality and being.

John 1:1-5

Examples:

- God
- Jehovah
- The I AM
- LORD
- Father

How did those under the Old Law reverence his name?

From Wikipedia:

When praying, Jews will typically use the word "Adonai" ('my master'). However, when in a colloquial setting, this is deemed inappropriate, and so typically one replaces the word "Adonai" with the word "HaShem," which literally means, "The Name." It is notable that "Adonai" is itself a word that refers to the Jewish God's name, the pronunciation of which is unknown and often mistakenly thought to be Jehovah, but is not the name itself.

Traditionally, Jews have seen the name of God as one that must not be spoken. Thus, the Jews have for centuries recognized the name of the Almighty as ineffable (which is not to be spoken because of its sacredness; unutterable), because pronouncing it is equivalent to calling oneself God.

The third commandment of the 10 commandments. Ex 20:7

Repeated in the New Testament. Mat. 5:34-37, 1 Tim 6:1, Mat. 6:9 – also an example of how we should reference him - How should we reverence his name? Jesus commanded his disciples to call no man father in Mat. 23:9. Which is a direct contradiction to the practices of the Catholic Church – a vain worship.

What is the definition of vain? The careless use of his name. etc.

1. having no real value or significance; worthless, empty, idle, hollow, etc. *vain* pomp
2. without force or effect; futile, fruitless, unprofitable, unavailing, etc. a *vain* endeavor

Unthought-of examples of taking the Lord's name in vain.

- Taking a vow or an oath (a recent lesson by Jack)
 - Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD – Judges 11:30
 - "Oh God, if you would just take this or that away then I will never do such and such again."
 - "Oh God, if you do this for me, then I will do this for you"
 - "If you help me get through this, I will never or always...."
 - Failing to live up to the commitment that we made when we put on Christ in baptism Heb. 10:29.
- Just general saying – Thank God its Friday
- Euphemisms as defined by:

- From Wikipedia,
A **minced oath**, also known as a **pseudo-profanity**, is an expression based on a profanity which has been altered to reduce or remove the disagreeable or objectionable characteristics of the original expression.
- From Webster's New World Dictionary:
The use of a less direct word or phrase for one considered offensive; a word or phrase so substituted.
- Examples:
 - Gosh, By Golly
 - Gees for Jesus
 - Texting
 - OMG
 - TGIF

Is taking the Lord's name in vain blaspheme?

Why is it done so prevalently in today's society? Allowed by FCC?

Consequences – Mat. 12:30-32

Conclusion:

Mathew 5:37 **But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.** We must carefully and constantly examine our speech, the movies, TV and radio programs. If we listen to and watch shows that openly mock God's name then we support these actions and are just as subject to the consequences as people that make it a habit to discrease his name frequently.

Mathew 7:20

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Mat 5:34 **But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: 35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. 36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. 37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**

1Ti 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

Exodus 3:13-14

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Jdg 11:30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, 31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. 32 So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands. 33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. 34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she *was his* only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.