

Chardon Christian Fellowship
Home Fellowship Lessons
Names of God
Lesson 1: Is a name important?

STUDY GUIDE

“Do names have a meaning?”

Read ... **Proverbs 22:1**

This verse speaks to the idea of what you have done and brought to your name:

- 1, a good name earns the trust of people;
- 2, the reputation you make of your name echoes throughout history;
- 3, with a good name, people will be devoted to you.

LESSON

A. Key understanding of God’s name

Exodus 20:7

Let us first look at the names of God that are used in this verse:

Exodus 20:7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD (YHWH) your God (Elohim) in vain, for the LORD (YHWH) will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.” (NASB)

Dissecting this verse, there are three key observations: (1) this points to use of “name of the Lord” as the object of the verse; (2) the action is taking His name in vain; (3) He is responsible for punishing. We will discuss YHWH and Elohim thoroughly in later lessons.

Hebrew word *shâv* is translated as ‘vain,’ and means: emptiness, nothingness, vanity, falsehood. The root idea of *shâv* is ‘what is groundless’ or ‘unsubstantial’, thus in a material sense it means ‘unreal’ or ‘falsehood’, and in a moral sense it denotes what is ‘empty, frivolous, or insincere’.

Exodus 23:1
Psalm 41:5-6
Jeremiah 7:9
Malachi 3:5

Psalm 12:3
Psalm 60:11
Jeremiah 27:15

Psalm 24:3-4
***Leviticus 19:11-12**
Zechariah 5:3-4

We see that ‘using God’s name in vain’ encompasses (a) profane expression with His name included, or (b) acting in a manner that disgraces His name.

QUESTION: this last week, have you ...

- ___?___ made a frivolous expression where His name was included ?
___?___ lied, misrepresented truth, acted falsely, thus disgracing His name ?

We need to read a passage in Job to catch an understanding of his attitude regarding blaspheming Gods name, where Job confessed and sacrificed “*just in case*”:

Job 1:5

QUESTION: Because our sin is paid at the cross, are we exempt from confessing sin ?

James 5:16

1 John 1:9

Mark 11:25

B. What does God say about your name?

The Bible has a lot to say about YOUR name.

In Luke chapter 10, Jesus sent out seventy, and when they returned He talked to them after they reported casting out spirits. What does He say about their names?

Luke 10:20

When we become a Christian, and our sins are forgiven based on the Blood of Jesus as our propitiation (**1 John 4:10**), He records our name in heaven.

Philippians 4:3

Revelation 3:4-5

Revelation 20:11-15

Revelation 21:27

APPLICATION:

Pray through the above verses in Revelation, and give thanks for your name being recorded in heaven! If you have doubts, please see one of the pastors regarding the steps and assurance of Salvation.

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