

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

DEVOTION

YOU SHALL NOT MISUSE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD. (EXODUS 20:7)

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)

FOR SHARING

1. “Names are everything,” wrote Oscar Wilde. In what ways do names—first, middle, and last names—give us a sense of identity and purpose?
2. How do people misuse God’s name today? Why do you think people misuse God’s name?
3. From eternity, the name planned for the Messiah was Jesus, Immanuel (Matthew 1:21, 23). What does it mean for you that Jesus was “God with us” at Calvary? What does it mean for your eternal destiny?
4. God’s name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—was placed on us in Baptism (Matthew 28:19). How does His name shape our identity in the world? How does our Baptism into the triune God strengthen us for daily service?
5. Which name for God best reminds you of His goodness to you today?

PRAYER

Gracious God, remind me every day that I am baptized in Your name. Help me to use Your name respectfully and faithfully in all that I say, think, and do. Strengthen me with Your Spirit so that my name as “Christian” will give honor to You. Amen.