Title: More than a Name

Text: Exodus 20:7: “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.”

Target: Weight of your words are not valued in the number of them, but the value in them.

I. **The Importance of God’s Name**: “the name of the Lord your God”
   
   A. **Title of Acknowledgment**: Reference for Connection
   
   B. **Testimony concerning Attributes**: Revelation of Character
   
   C. **Transfer of Authority**: Relocation of Credibility
      
      1. You are sent in place of:
      2. You are sent with the power of:
      3. You are sent with the provision of:

II. **The Instruction concerning God’s Name**: “You shall not take…in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless.”

   A. **Explanation of Terms**:
      1. “Take” - to bear up, carry, or assume
      2. “Vain” - to make empty, worthless or of no-good purpose

   B. **Example of the Terms**:
      1. Do not Mock God’s Name: **Blasphemy**
      2. Do not Misuse God’s Name: **Profanity**
      3. Do not Minimize God’s Name: **Flippantly**
      4. Do not Misrepresent God’s Name: **Hypocrisy**
      5. Do not Malign God’s Name: **Immorality**

III. **The Invitation towards God’s Name**: “Our Father in Heaven, **hallowed** be your name.” Matthew 6:9

   A. **We Acknowledge the Holiness of God**: Totally Set Apart (Exodus 33:18-21)
      
      1. No one like our God
      2. Nothing compares to our God

   B. **We are Accepted into the Family of God**: To be Set Apart (1 Peter 1:16)
      
      1. We are called Saints: Romans 1:7
      2. We are being Sanctified: Romans 15:16

   C. **We are the Ambassadors of Reputation of God**: To live Set-Apart. (Luke 6:46)

Take Away: Living a life of character in consistency causes credibility not just for you, but towards God, and the opposite is just as true.