

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.