

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#32] *Talk Alone is Cheap: Covenant Love* – Deuteronomy 12:32-13:18

Sermon Outline – March 25, 2018

Children's Sermon: Baptized in the Name of...

- What is your name? What is a household name? Stop in the name of the Law...or the king?!
- Baptized into the Name... (Self-revelation; Covenant bond)

Matthew 28:19–20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, *baptizing them in the name of* the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Iain Campbell: “In Scripture, God’s name is a means of His self-revelation.” ¹

What Does Yahweh’s Name Mean?

Notes:

Exodus 3:13–14

¹³ “... ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘**I am** has sent me to you.’ ”

What Does it Mean to “Take” Yahweh’s Name?

Deuteronomy 5:11

You shall not *take the name* of the LORD your God in vain...

Deuteronomy 6:13

¹³ It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by **his name** *you shall swear.*

Numbers 6:24–27

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ “*So shall they put my name* upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

In a sermon by Ligon Duncan:

“The third commandment means “Don’t take up God’s name wrongly.” Not only don’t speak God’s name wrongly, not only don’t write God’s name wrongly, not only don’t use God’s name wrongly, but whenever you take up God’s name, make sure

you take it up aware of His holiness and consistently with His holiness. Don't claim His name unless you treat it with reverence and respect. ...

If we claim to be the people of God and then live as if we are not, we take His name in vain. If we claim to be Christians, and then live as if we are not, we take His name in vain.”ⁱⁱ

Married (Isaiah 62:1–5; Rev. 3:12)

Exposition of the Third Commandment (12:32-13:18)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

To take Yahweh's name truthfully would be revealed by a zeal to resist and eradicate idolatry in Israel.



Yahweh's Word is to be Carefully Obeyed

12:32 *“Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it. (Cf. v. 13:18)*

...To Purge the Evil Rebellion from Israel (1-5)

¹ “If a **prophet or a dreamer of dreams** arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder... (Cf. 18:22)

³ **you shall not listen** to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. *For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*

⁴ You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams *shall be put to death*, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery... *So you shall purge the evil from your midst.* (Cf. 17:7; 19:19; 21:21; 22:21; 24:7)

... To Rescue Israel from Wickedness (6-11)

⁶ “If **your brother**, the son of your mother, or **your son** or your **daughter** or **the wife** you embrace or **your friend** who is as your own soul entices you secretly...

⁸ you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him.

⁹ But **you shall kill him**. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death...

¹¹ And **all Israel shall hear and fear** and never again do any such wickedness as this among you.

... For Yahweh's Mercy & Compassion on Israel (12-17)

¹² "If you hear in one of your cities...

¹⁴ *then you shall inquire* and make search and ask diligently.

¹⁵ *you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction...*¹⁶ ...burn the city and all its spoil with fire, *as a whole burnt offering* to the Lord your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again.

¹⁷ *None of the devoted things* shall stick to your hand, *that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy and have compassion on you* and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers...

¹⁸ *if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping all his commandments that I am commanding you today, and doing what is right* in the sight of the Lord your God.

What are We Being Taught to Do?

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Taking the name of Jesus (when we become Christians) obligates us to treat our covenantal relationship with him as most holy.



The Distinction Between the Old & the New

1 Corinthians 5:3–13

⁹ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—¹⁰ not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? **Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?** ¹³ God judges those outside. **“Purge the evil person from among you.”**

Pursuing Transformation through Faith

Matthew 6:9–10

...“Our Father in heaven, *hallowed be your name.* ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Obedience, Obedience, Obedience. There are No Shortcuts!

1. Do you know & practice holiness?
2. Do you recognize idolatry?

Who Matters Most to You?

1. Do we love God and his people most? (Cf. Matt. 10:37–39; Luke 14:26)
2. Are we truly loving our loved ones?
3. What kind of grief are you experiencing?

Who's Work are We Busy Doing?

1. Are you an active member of a local church?
2. How do you spend your time?
3. Who are you actively trying to help put off their idolatry and put on true worship?

Jesus Treated God's Name Properly!

“These themes are evident in **the life and work of Jesus** (bold mine). He had come to earth for us and for our salvation in the name of the Father (John 5:43; 10:25). He lived to glorify the name of God (12:28; 17:4) and to reveal it (17:6). In the name of God He had preserved His people, and in that same name they would be kept forever (17:11–12). The name of God, upon His people through baptism (Matt. 28:19), would be the name by which the Holy Spirit would come to comfort them and hear their prayers (John 14:26; 16:23). It is the name of God that guarantees eternal life to all who believe (20:31).”ⁱⁱⁱ

John 14:26

But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send **in my name**, *he will teach you all things* and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

ⁱ Blog by Iain Campbell Jun 01, 2016 Category: Articles. *What Does it Mean to Take the Lord's Name in Vain?* <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/what-does-it-mean-to-take-lords-name-vain/>

ⁱⁱ Sermon by J. Ligon Duncan on Mar 24, 2002. Exodus 20:7. *The Third Commandment: Do Not Wrongly Take God's Name*

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