

First United Pentecostal Church ~ Sunday, July 29, 2001

Exodus 20:7 (NLT) Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? A NAME REPRESENTS THREE THINGS:

1. Your ______

2. Your _____

3. Your _____

HOW DO WE KNOW THE NAME OF GOD? FROM GOD'S WORD!

• In the Old Testament, God used <u>several</u> names to refer to Himself. The two most important ones are ...

1. I AM THAT I AM

• This refers to God being the Eternal and Self-Existent One, who is Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniscient.

2. <u>YHWH</u>

- This came from four consonants in Hebrew, and was called the TETRAGRAMMATON. To actually <u>translate</u> this name into English, we would probably say, "_____."
- The closest we can come in <u>pronouncing</u> this name would be
 ______ or _____.
- In the New Testament, God accompanied the revelation of Himself in flesh with a <u>new name</u>. That name is ______, which includes and supersedes Yahweh and all the Old Testament names.
- Jesus is the ______ of God in the New Testament. It is the name of supreme power and authority, the only saving name, the name given for remission of sins, and the highest name ever revealed.
- JESUS is the Greek form of JOSHUA (YAH-SHUA), which means
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FIVE WAYS PEOPLE MISUSE GOD'S NAME:

- 1. They use God's name to _____
 - This is when you use profanity or swearing to express irritation at a situation or to demean someone else.
- 2. They use God's name to _____
 - This is when we excuse our actions by blaming God for them, instead of taking personal responsibility.

• <u>Leviticus 19:12 (GN)</u> Do not make a promise in my name if you do not intend to keep it. That brings disgrace on my name.

3. They use God's name to

• This is when we claim God's direction for something that is of our own making.

4. They use God's name to

- This is when we try to prove how spiritual we are with religious jargon and clichés.
- TALK DOESN'T IMPRESS GOD _____
 DOES!
- <u>*Titus 1:16 (NLT)</u> Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are despicable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.</u>*

5. They use God's name _____

- This is when we use God's name without thinking, as a convenient expression of fear, anger, joy, amazement or surprise.
- <u>Isaiah 29:13 (NLT)</u> And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away. And their worship of me amounts to nothing more than human laws learned by rote."
- <u>Matthew 6:7 (NLT)</u> When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered only by repeating their words again and again.

HOW DO I USE GOD'S NAME CORRECTLY?

_____ God's name continually.

- <u>Psalm 29:2 (CEV)</u> Honor the wonderful name of the Lord, and worship the Lord most holy and glorious.
- 2. _____ God's name clearly.

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- <u>2 Timothy 2:19 (LB)</u> A person who calls himself a Christian should not be doing things that are wrong.
- 3. _____ on God's name completely.
 - <u>Colossians 3:17</u> And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
 - <u>Acts 4:12</u> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.