

You Shall Not Take the Name of Your God in Vain

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‘You shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of the Lord your God.’

Leviticus 24:15: “And you shall speak to the children of Israel saying, ‘Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.’”

Leviticus 19:17 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall always admonish your neighbor, that you may not bear sin because of him.”

When you hear someone blaspheming the name of God, saying something casually because of the way that the world is going, or the situation around us, we must tell each other what we’re doing. We must admonish our brother or sister because we don’t want to bear that sin within us.

Leviticus 24:16: “And he that blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall surely stone him. The stranger as well as he that is born in the land; when he blasphemes the name of the LORD, he shall be put to death.”

Deuteronomy 13:9: “But you shall surely kill him. Your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.”

Deuteronomy 17:7: “The hands of the witnesses shall be *the* first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. So, **you shall put the evil away from among you.**

We don’t want to have anyone that’s doing this in our congregation. It’s bad enough what we hear in the world and what we’re seeing in the world.

Ecclesiastes 10:20: “Do not curse a king, no, not *even* in your thought; and do not curse the rich in your bedroom; for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which has wings shall tell the matter.”

Exodus 22:28: “You shall not revile God’s judges, nor curse the ruler of your people.”

Paul was being rebuked by the Sanhedrin and the high priest Ananias told a man who was standing next to Paul to strike him on the mouth. Paul said:

Acts 23:3: ““God is about to strike you, you whited wall. Do you yourselves now judge me according to the law, while you command me to be struck contrary to the law?” But those who were standing by *him* said, ‘Do you rail against the high

priest of God?’ And Paul said, ‘Brethren, I did not know that he is a high priest; for it is written, “You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people”’” (vs 3-5). The high priests were the rulers of the people and they were to teach the people God’s Word, God’s way of life.

Just as we have now, in Christian Biblical Church of God, the elders teach us and help us to understand more of God’s way.

When a church group tolerates a child of Belial, one who blasphemes and curses God, and does not deal with that one, curses come upon the brethren and their families. We see what happens to a nation that forgets God and tolerates evil in high places! A government that curses God, that blasphemes God out of their government. They worship none other than at the altar of Satan the devil! A lot of them are. ***We have evil spirits in high places!***

It’s not easy to live with; it makes life very difficult for those who want to live God’s way. The ***government*** that blasphemes God becomes a devious group working out the ways of Satan the devil.

When they blaspheme and curse God out of the ***educational system*** look what’s happened to our children, the curses that have come upon our children. They kill each other, murdering one another, carrying guns into school. Now we have them ***teaching sex*** and we have unwanted pregnancies and abortions in school.

We have ***drugs***, the whole nation is covered with drugs and people are having all kinds of trials. People are raising their grandchildren because their children came out of school, had children and are on drugs.

It has become and evil and adulterous situation!

When the pope of the Catholic Church blasphemes and curses God—they don’t read the Bible nor do they believe in the Bible—and he says that 6-billion people must die, must be killed, for climate change. He’s talking about a new world order! Now he wants to re-write the Ten Commandments. There are going to be eleven. [transcriber’s note: please see sermon *A False Report* dated Aug. 1, 2015] The pope says that God gave him this authority. What *god* really gave him this authority? ***It wasn’t the God of the Bible!*** God doesn’t change. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! He has not changed His words, His way of life.

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The Supreme Court blasphemes and curses God, and what happens to the nation when they say that same-sex marriage is okay? *That's not what God says!* God says that homosexuality is blaspheme against Him! It's an abomination!

Back in 1997 I was working for a trucking company and I was outside in the yard hooking trailers up for the roadmen. I put the radio on in the yard tractor and Focus on the Family was on. They were talking about how they were going to get together and made all these arrangements to go to a theme park and take all these children to Disneyland. They bought all the tickets, paid for all the plane fare, bus fare—whatever they needed—and they got to the park.

They had called the park and told them what week they were coming and that they were going to bring hundreds of children. They walked into the park and after walking around a little while and thought they had walked through a time zone. They were looking around and were horrified! They thought that they had entered into Sodom and Gomorrah: Males kissing each other, fondling each other openly; females doing the same thing.

They had to rush the kids out into the parking lot to get them away from them, but they had already seen it. They went into the management and talked the manager asking, 'What's going on here? You knew we were coming down.' *Oh, this is gay week! We thought you knew!*

What's going to happen to a nation that now is happening? They want us to tolerate them, but they won't tolerate Christian beliefs! They won't tolerate God! But they want us to tolerate them and their way of life.

- Will we be talking in Sodom and Gomorrah not to long from now?
- Will we have to pray before we go out of the church: *God, give us the covenant for our eyes* that we don't see the evil that's going to be around us?

Job prayed for 'a covenant for his eyes' that he wouldn't look upon an maiden. These are very delirious times that we're coming into.

Isaiah 13:11: "And **I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity;** and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants." This is God's Word, which is coming down the line, the future of what God is going to do.

Jude 4: "For certain men have stealthily crept in, those who long ago have been written about, condemning *them* to this judgment. *They are* ungodly men who are perverting the grace of our

God, *turning it* into licentiousness... [what is good *is* evil, what is evil *is* good] ...and are personally denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. But I myself want to remind you, though you once understood this, that the Lord, after saving a people out of *the* land of Egypt, the second time destroyed those who did not believe" (vs 4-5).

How many died in the wilderness because they didn't believe God, and they had seen all the miracles.

Verse 6: "And the angels who did not keep their own original domain, but deserted their habitation, He is holding in eternal bonds under darkness unto the judgment of *the* Great Day. Just as Sodom and Gomorrah—and the cities surrounding them, in the same manner as them—having given themselves over to sexual debaucheries, and having gone after different flesh, are themselves exhibited as a *perpetual* example of undergoing *the* punishment of eternal fire" (vs 6-7).

John 18:36: "Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, so that I might not be delivered up to the Jews. However, My kingdom is not of this world.'"

Our kingdom is not of this world, and we must remember this as we see the things that are going to happen. We must put this brain in gear before we say anything, before we think anything. We must realize that sin is going to abound and we will get caught in it.

Lyall Johnston said in *The British in Prophecy*#2 made the statement that the statement 'Oh, my God' is *blaspheme against God!* How much more can we blaspheme God if we think that His created beings are better than He is? or More worthy to be God than He is? The Supreme God? The God who created all things?

1-Peter 2:6: "For this reason it says in the Scripture, 'Behold, I place in Zion *the* Cornerstone, chosen *and* precious; and the one who believes in Him shall never be put to shame.' The preciousness *is* to you, therefore, who believe; but to those who disobey... [those who blaspheme and curse God] ...*the* Stone that the builders rejected has become *the* Head of *the* corner, and a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense; *especially* to those who stumble at the Word, being disobedient, unto which *unbelief* they also were appointed. But you... [each and every one of us whom God has called out of the world] ...*are* a chosen stock, a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, a people for a possession *of* God, that you might proclaim His *excellent* virtues, Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people, but now *are the* people of God; who had not received mercy, but now have

received mercy” (vs 6-10).

When I look back on my calling, when God called me out of the world into the Church of God, after baptism and you come up out of the water. I didn't see change or birds flying around. But a month later I went to pray and I fell on the floor crying: How could You call me a sinner out of the world? What can You do with me? *It's amazing what God can do if our heart and attitude is right!*

1-John 5:15: “And if we know that He hears us, whatever we may ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him. If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *that is* not unto death, he shall ask, and He will give him life for those who do not sin unto death...” (vs 15-16).

A sin unto death says that when we blaspheme the Holy Spirit it goes into eternity with us. That's the kind of sin that we need to walk away from. We need to be very mindful of in a world that is turning upside down.

“...There is a sin unto death; concerning that *sin*, I do not say that he should make *any* supplication *to God*. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death. We know that anyone who is begotten by God does not *practice* sin; for the one who has been begotten by God keeps himself *by the power of God*, and the wicked one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and *that* the whole world lies in *the power of* the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, so that we may know Him *Who is* true; and we are in Him *Who is* true, *and* in His Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God, and the eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen” (vs 16-21).

If we're not reading God's Word daily, we're not getting inspired by God. Even just reading His Word He will inspire us in various ways. He will open our mind to different ways of His thinking, not ours. We need to come out of this world. We need to come away from what we're doing.

2-Corinthians 4:1: “Therefore, having this ministry, according as we have received mercy, we are not fainthearted. For we have personally renounced the hidden things of dishonest gain, not walking in *cunning* craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the Truth, we are commending ourselves to every man's conscience before God. But if our Gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are perishing; in whom the god of this age has blinded the minds of those who do not believe... [we can see it more and more everyday] ...lest the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is *the* image of God, should shine unto them. For we do not preach our own selves, but Christ Jesus *the* Lord, and ourselves your servants for

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Jesus' sake” (vs 1-5).

We live for Jesus! Live the way He lived! His thoughts are to be in our mind and heart!

Verse 6: “Because *it is* God Who commanded *the* light to shine out of darkness, Who shined into our hearts *the* light of the knowledge of the glory of God in *the* face of Jesus Christ.”

1-John 2:18: “Little children, it is *the* last time; and just as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have risen up, by which we know that it is *the* last time.” When a pope can say he's going to change the commandments of God, we know where he's coming from.

Verse 19: “They went out from among us, but they were not of us because if they were of us, they would have remained with us; nevertheless, *they left* that they might be exposed *to show* that *they* all were not of us. But you have *the* anointing from the Holy One, and you have knowledge of all things *pertaining to salvation*. I did not write to you because you do not know the Truth, but because you know it, and *you understand* that not one lie comes from the Truth. Who is the liar if it is not the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is the antichrist—the one who denies the Father and the Son. Anyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either” (vs 19-23).

2-Corinthians 10:4: “For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God *to the* overthrowing of strongholds, casting down *vain* imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God...” (vs 4-5).

We must be in the knowledge of God; we must be thinking about the way the world is going and how they are changing things, and the Bible, and now the Ten Commandments

“...and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ; and having a readiness to avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience has been fulfilled. Are you looking at things according to their appearance? If anyone is persuaded in his *own* mind that he is Christ's, let him reconsider this concerning himself; for exactly as he *is* Christ's, so also *are* we Christ's” (vs 5-7).

Jude 17: “But you, beloved, remember the words that were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; because they said to you that in *the* last time there would be mockers, who would be selfishly walking according to their own ungodly lusts. These are the ones who cause division; *they are* psychic, not having *the* Spirit of God. But you, beloved, *be* building up yourselves on your most Holy faith, praying in *the* Holy Spirit, *so that* you keep yourselves in *the* love of God *while* you are

personally awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” (vs 17-21).

Brethren, we’ve been called to be a chosen people. We’ve been called to be kings and priests in the Kingdom of God. We have the greatest blessing of all, but we must have our mind and heart in gear and thinking God’s way. We must watch what we think and what we say in the world that is turning upside down.

It’s not an easy world to live in, and it’s not an easy world to see. But with Christ on our side and God’s Word in our heart we can overcome.

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