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Ex. 20:7, “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.”

I think that most people would recognize this passage as a portion of the Ten Commandments. This was the third commandment that the LORD gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. I would dare say that most people have heard this command even though they might not attach it to the Ten Commandments. And yet, I believe that there are more and more people who disdain the name of the LORD and do not hold Him and His name in the highest regard.

Just in my lifetime, we’ve gone from almost never hearing anyone abuse the name of the LORD, to people who blatantly use His name in vain on a regular basis. It is broadcast on the air waves, on the world-wide web, and in the halls of most public schools. **John Wesley** once said, “*What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.*”

The LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name. This is a fact that will be acted upon. Sooner or later, the penalty of sin will be brought upon those who deny the LORD by their lives, their lips, and their love. I believe this grieves the LORD and He desires for everyone to know and understand that He is a God of love. He desires for all to repent and be saved. For those who already know the LORD, we ought to be using His name for good. We should be exalting the name of the LORD. Jesus had even proclaimed this in **John 12:32**, “*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.*”

Dear LORD, Your name is worthy to be praised. Help us to lift Your Name so that those around us can be drawn to You. Jesus is the name above all names. We exalt You. In Jesus Name, Amen.