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The Name of יהוה is His Name. Exodus 15:3, Jeremiah 33:2, Amos 5:8, 9:6


And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of יהוה before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. Exodus 33:19

The name of יהוה is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Proverbs 18:10

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon יהוה, and he answered them. Psalms 99:6

And in that day shall ye say, Praise יהוה, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12:4

And I will strengthen them in יהוה, and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith יהוה. Zechariah 10:12

Then they that feared יהוה spake often one to another; and יהוה hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared יהוה, and that thought upon his name. Malachi 3:16


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And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 John 3:23,24

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name יהושע: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21 (1:25, Luke 1:31, 2:21).

But these are written, that ye might believe that יהושע is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. Matthew 24:5 (Mark 13:6, Luke 21:8)

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; Mark 16:17

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13 (14:14, 15:16, 16:23,24,26)

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of יהושע Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38 (10:48)

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord יהושע, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:17

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Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord יהושע Christ; Ephesians 5:20

That the name of our Lord יהושע Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord יהושע Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:12

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord יהושע Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord יהושע Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. 2 Thessalonians 3:6


Jerusalem, The Place of His Name

Deuteronomy 12:5,11,21, 14:23,24, 16:2,6,11, 26:2, 1 Kings 14:21, 2 Chronicles 12:13

Taking His Name in Vain

Thou shalt not take the name of יהוה thy God in vain; for יהוה will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Exodus 20:7 (Deuteronomy 5:11)

And יהוה spake unto Moses, saying, Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. And he that blasphemeth the name of יהוה, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he
that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of יהוה, shall be put to death. 

Leviticus 24:13-16

And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am יהוה. Leviticus 19:12

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which יהוה hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of יהוה, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which יהוה hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him. Deuteronomy 18:20-22

Wherefore glorify ye יהוה in the fires, even the name of יהוה God of Israel in the isles of the sea. Isaiah 24:15

Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I. Isaiah 52:6

And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which יהוה shall choose; Then he shall minister in the name of יהוה his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, which stand there before יהוה. Deuteronomy 18:6,7

And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them יהוה hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of יהוה; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried: Deuteronomy 21:5 (10:8, 18:5)


Bless His Name

Give unto יהוה the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship יהוה in the beauty of holiness. 1 Chronicles 16:29

The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before יהוה, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever. 1 Chronicles 23:13

Give unto יהוה the glory due unto his name; worship יהוה in the beauty of holiness. O magnify יהוה with me, and let us exalt his name together. Sing unto יהוה, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Give unto יהוה the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. Blessed be the name of יהוה from this time forth and for evermore. Praise יהוה; for יהוה is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant. Let them praise the name of יהוה: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. Psalms 29:2, 34:3, 96:2,8, 113:2, 135:3, 148:13

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: יי gave, and יי hath taken away; blessed be the name of יי. Job 1:21

Swearing by His Name

Thou shalt fear יהוה thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. Deuteronomy 10:20 (6:13)

And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am יהוה. Leviticus 19:12

And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, יהוה liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people. Jeremiah 12:16

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Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. Matthew 5:33-37

Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. Matthew 23:20-22


The Names of Other Gods

That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: But cleave unto the Lord thy God, as ye have done unto this day. Joshua 23:7,8

Keepers of the Third Commandment


Breakers of the Third Commandment

Leviticus 24:11, 1 Kings 21:5-16 (By bearing false witness against a man, that he had broken the 3rd commandment, they were as if they had broken it themselves, and brought the punishment upon themselves according to the ninth commandment), 2 Kings 19:6, 22, Job 2:9, Isaiah 8:21, 37:6, 23, 48:1, 65:7, Jeremiah 5:7, 14, 13:14, 23:25-27, 27:14-16, 29:8, 9, 21, 23, 34:16, Malachi 1:6, Revelation 13:6, 16:9, 11, 21

Blessings of Keeping the Third Commandment

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in יהוה your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the Palmer worm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of יהוה your God, as ye have done unto this day. Joshua 23:7,8
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spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of יְהוָה come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of יְהוָה shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as יְהוָה hath said, and in the remnant whom יְהוָה shall call. Joel 2:23-32 (Acts 2:16-21, Romans 10:13)

For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of יְהוָה, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of יְהוָה. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. Zephaniah 3:9-13

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, יְהוָה is my God. Zechariah 13:9

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith יְהוָה of hosts. Malachi 4:2,3

Curses of Breaking the Third Commandment

Therefore thus saith יְהוָה concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. Jeremiah 14:15,16

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith יְהוָה of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of יְהוָה: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive: But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Zechariah 13:1-6

And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear,
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and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith יהוה of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith יהוה of hosts. Malachi 2:1-4