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<sup>7</sup> “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

## **Focal Truth:**

You shall not dishonor God's name.

1. The name of the Lord is holy and awesome.

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Ex. 20:7

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;  
7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” Ex. 34:6-7

2. How do we take God's name in vain?
  - a. When we approach God with dishonor – Mal. 3:13-14
  - b. When we profess to know God but live in ungodliness – Tit. 1:16
  - c. When we swear falsely by His name – Matt. 5:34, Lev. 19:12
  - d. When we speak evil of God and His ways – Deut. 1:27
  - e. When we offer to God the worst in worship and service – Mal. 1:6-8
  - f. When we worship and pray with our lips but our hearts are set on other things – Is. 29:13

3. God will judge those who dishonor His name.

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## 4. How do we honor God's name?

- a. When we praise the name of the Lord –  
Ps. 9:2
- b. When we speak truthfully to God in prayer  
– Ps. 51:6
- c. When we worship in truthfulness –  
John 4:24
- d. When we honor God with our words –  
Ps. 119:13
- e. When we glorify God in our bodies –  
1 Cor. 6:20

## Daily Use:

- Honor God's name with your words.
- Honor God's name in your worship, work, and private life.
- Confess your sin of dishonoring God with your words.

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