

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about God's Ten Commandments*

What does this mean?

This means that we are to fear, and love God so that we do not use His name to curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive, but call on Him in prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

41 What does it mean to conjure by God's name?

To conjure is through the devil's power or influence to use God's name to perform supernatural deeds. Other sinful practices included under conjuring are witchcraft, astrology, consulting spirits, and fortune telling.

42 What does it mean to lie and deceive by God's name?

A person can lie and deceive by God's name by perjury, teaching false doctrine and hypocrisy.

Matthew 15:8,9 - This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

43 What must I expect if I misuse the name of God?

If I misuse God's name, I must expect great punishment both in time and in eternity, for the Lord will not hold me guiltless if I misuse His name.

44 What should you speech be like as a Christian?

My speech should show respect for God's name and I should not use it or any form of it carelessly. Any careless use of God's name is to be avoided.

45 How does God want me to use His name?

God wants me to use His name with devotion and reverence, sincerely calling upon Him in every time of need and worshiping Him with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

Psalm 50:15 - "...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Hebrews 13:15,16 - Through [Jesus] let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

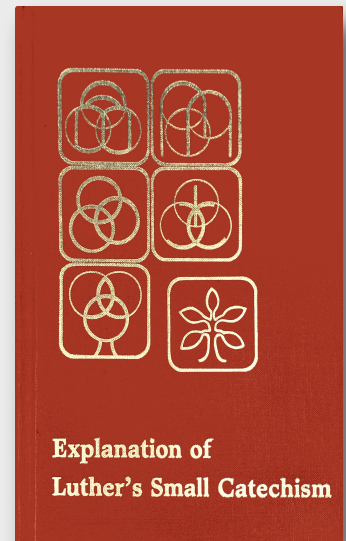
Psalm 100:4 - Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

A Verse to Remember

The 2nd Commandment

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

(Exodus 20:7)



* in the **Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism.**

If you don't have one talk to Pastor Roger.

