

HOME TALK

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



Explanation of
Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name (Exodus 20:7).

What does this mean?

This means that we are to fear and love God so that we do to use His name to curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive, but call on Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

35 What do we mean by God's name in the Second Commandment?

By God's name in the Second Commandment we mean all the names given to Him in the Bible, each of which shows me something about who He is and what He does.

36 When is God's name misused?

God's name is missed whenever I do not show respect for it.

37 What does it mean to curse by God's name?

To curse by God's name is to ask God to damn someone or something.

38 What does it mean to swear by God's name?

To swear by God's name is to declare something to be true by God's name.

39 Does the Bible ever give permission to swear by God's name?

The Bible permits swearing when the proper authorities require an oath.

Deuteronomy 6:13 "It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear."

40 What must I remember when I am required to take an oath?

I must remember that God sees and hears everything and that I really am calling down God's judgment if I commit perjury and do not tell the whole truth.

Leviticus 19:12 "You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord."



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

