



Understanding the “Cussing” Commandment

First commandment: You shall have no other gods before me.

Second commandment: Don't make for yourself an idol.

- ◇ The “Ten” were never meant to be a path to salvation but a clear path to greater freedom!
- ◇ The “Ten” were meant to reveal the glory of God to the nations.
- ◇ The “Ten” were given to show our need for a savior.

Exodus 20:7 (NIV)

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”

Third commandment: Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God!

I. Third law is about more than our language - but not less!

Psalms 19:14 (NIV)

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Colossians 3:8 (NIV)

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Matthew 12:34 (NIV)

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

- Does my language set me apart as a Christ-follower?
2. **Third law says don't leverage God's name for your credibility.**
(Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 5:33-37)
 - Don't use God's name to cover for your lack of character!
 - Breaking an oath is misusing the name of the Lord!
 - In what way am I using God's character to cover a flaw in mine?
 3. **Third law says don't leverage God's name for your own agenda!**
 - In what area of my life am I prone to play the “God card”?
 4. **Third law says don't be overly informal with His name.**
 - Have I become too informal in speaking to or of the Lord?
 5. **Third law says don't associate God's name with anything He is not associated with!**
(Colossians 3:17)
 - At salvation you had a change in name and nature.
 - What attitude or action am I associated with that the Lord is not associated with?
 6. **Third law challenges us to give our words a higher calling!**
(Psalm 29:2; Ephesians 4:29)