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FULFILLING THE PURPOSE OF OUR REDEMPTION

An Exposition of the Book of Exodus

PART 25

NO MISUSE!

Hallowed Be Thy Name

(Exodus 20:7)

INTRODUCTION:

“O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth,...”

—Psalm 8:1

“...in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name.”

—1 Kings 8:43

PREVIOUSLY...

#1 - No Rivals! (Exodus 20:3)

- God's Exclusive Claim: He condemns rivals. (20:3)

“You shall have no other gods before Me.”

- Man's Endemic Corruption: We create rivals. (Romans 1:18-25)

“... they exchanged the truth of God for a lie,...”

—Romans 1:25

- Christ's Emancipating Conquest: He conquers rivals & cleanses rebels. (Heb. 10:12-19)

“...Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ...”

—Hebrews 10:12-18

#2 - No Idols! (Exodus 20:4-6)

- Welcome to a world... full of idols, full of ignorance, and full of immorality... (Acts 17:16f.)

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ “You shall not worship them or serve them.””

- The first command focused on the “Who” of worship. The second command focuses on the “How” of worship.
- God revealed Himself to Israel through an audible voice, not a visible image.
- Idolatry is not just another sin, it is a root sin, a universal sin, a binding sin, and a deceptive sin. (1 Corinthians 10:1-14)
- All sin is social.

#3 - No Misuse! (Exodus 20:7)

- The first command calls us to worship Him “_____”. The second command calls us to worship Him “_____”. The third command calls us to Worship Him “_____”.
- In the second command, God jealously guards His holy _____. We must not _____ Him. In the third command, God jealously guards His holy _____. We must not _____ Him.

1A. OUR _____ : (20:7a)

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,....”

- God’s people were never forbidden to _____ His name, but they were forbidden to _____ His name — to treat it _____ or to _____ it for their own _____ or personal _____.

“Then the LORD said to me, ‘**The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name....**’”

—Jeremiah 14:14a

- It is not simply a _____ of _____ but a _____ of _____.

“Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.’³⁴ “But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.³⁶ “Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ “But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.”

—Matthew 5:33-37

2A. OUR _____ : (20:7b)

“...for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

- Man’s real **problem** is a _____, one that _____ its own _____, _____ it own _____, and _____ its own _____.
- Man’s real **need** is not _____, but _____.

CONCLUSION: