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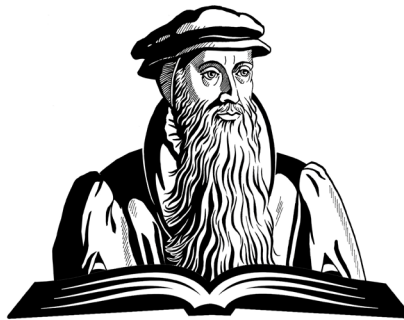
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for Lecture #34

**The Ten Commandments:**

**Love for God's Name**

*Catechism Questions 53, 54, 55, & 56*



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The Ten Commandments:  
Love for God's Name

**Memorization**

**Question 53:** *Which is the third commandment?*

**Answer:** *The third commandment is, "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."*

**Question 54:** *What is required in the third commandment?*

**Answer:** *The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.*

**Question 55:** *What is forbidden in the third commandment?*

**Answer:** *The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.*

**Question 56:** *What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?*

**Answer:** *The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.*

**Lecture Structure**

1. Introduction.
2. We are to love God's name.
3. The way we are to love God's name.
4. A warning for not loving God's name.
5. Applications

*Literal Study*

1. Define these words as they are used in this lecture:

a) Reverent \_\_\_\_\_

b) Profane \_\_\_\_\_

c) Abuse \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does it mean, “take something in vain” as it is used in this lecture?

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3. Summarize the main teachings from the answers to Questions 53 through 56.

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*Lecture Checkup*

1. What is meant by “the name of the Lord”? What does the name “Jesus” tell us about himself?

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2. What do God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works have in common?

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3. What does it mean to use God’s name in a “holy and reverent way”? How is that different from taking God’s name in vain?

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4. Why should we be holy and reverent when we use God's name? Does that mean that Christians are gloomy and never happy?

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5. What is forbidden in the third commandment about the use of the name of God?

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6. What does the Bible teach us about making vows or an oaths?

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7. What was Peter's sin, in Matthew 26, concerning the vow he made when he denied Jesus? What are the implications for us?

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8. How is the name of God applied to us in baptism? What does that mean regarding our taking the name of God in vain?

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9. What is the warning in the third commandment against taking the name of God in vain?

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10. Besides the names of God, what are some of the other ways that God makes himself known (Question 54)? Should these also be used in a holy and reverent way?

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**Further Studies**

1. In what ways does God make himself known?

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2. How are God's names, titles, and attributes profaned and abused?

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3. How are God's ordinances, Word, and works profaned and abused?

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4. Those who profane God's name may escape punishment from men, but how is it that they shall not escape God's righteous judgment?

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**Practical Application**

1. What is the duty for you, for me, and for all people everywhere regarding the use of God's name or the use of God's Word? What are some ways that people can take the Word of God in vain?

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2. What if you have taken God's name in vain? Is there hope for forgiveness in Christ Jesus? How can you show honor for God's name in your daily life?

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**Project Ideas**

Take the time to study the various names and titles of God. Study God's attributes, and his ordinances, and add to that his Word, and his works. Maybe you can start a notebook to keep nearby when you are reading the Bible, and with each chapter, watch for passages that address these categories and write them down. If you do this regularly, you will expand your own understanding of God.