

## Exodus 20:7, The third Commandment.

### **1. The Lord's name matters**

- His name (Exodus 3:13-15, 6:2-8, John 8:58)
- Christians carry His name (Matthew 28:19, Revelation 3:12)

### **2. Do not carry the Lord's name in vain**

- in vain = empty and false
- Applications:
  - Profanity and empty God-talk
  - False teaching
  - To justify a decision
  - Promise-keeping and oaths (Deuteronomy 6:13, Matthew 5:34)
  - Inconsistent lives (e.g. 2 Timothy 2:19)

### **3. Make much of the name of Jesus**

- Pray: hallowed be your name (Matthew 6:9)
- Speak: confess the name (Matthew 10:32-33, 1 Peter 3:16)
- Live: do everything "in" the name (Colossians 3:17)