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Commandments Three and Four
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Commandment #3 - Don't take the name of the LORD in vain.

Exodus 20:7 - "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD won't hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

Exodus 3:14 - God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Exodus 3:15 - God also told Moses, "Say to the Israelites, '*The LORD*, the God of your fathers... has sent me to you.' This is My name forever."

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God *in vain*."

Jeremiah 14:14 - "The prophets prophesy lies *in My name*."

Matthew 5:37 - "Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."

Psalms 29:2 - Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name.

Psalms 66:2 - Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.

Psalms 103:1 - Bless His holy name.

Genesis 4:26 - Call upon the name of the LORD.

Deut. 32:3 - Proclaim the name of the LORD.

Isaiah 50:10 - Trust in the name of the LORD.

Colossians 3:17 - Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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Martin Luther: *To honor God's name is to use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.*

Acts 19:13-16 - Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They'd say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

Acts 19:17 - When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored.

Acts 19:18-20 - Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was 50,000 pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Acts 11:26 - It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.

Commandment #4 - Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

v. 8-11 - "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

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Romans 14:5 - *One person* considers one day more sacred than another; *another* considers every day alike. *Each one* should be fully convinced in their own mind.

Colossians 2:16 - Let no one judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a feast, a New Moon, or *a Sabbath*.

Acts 20:7 - On the first day of the week, we *gathered with the local believers* to share in *the Lord's Supper*. Paul was *preaching* to them...

Col. 3:23 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

v. 10 ...the seventh day is the Sabbath *of the Lord your God*.

Lev. 23:3 - "There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, a day of *sacred assembly*."

Mark 2:27 - "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

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"I Am" speaks of God's character--His perfection.

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God's name and God's character are inseparable.

What are God's written instructions for using His name?

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