



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 9: THE SECOND COMMANDMENT - PART 2

Review

What is God's name? What are some of the ways we are *not* supposed to use God's name? We know that the 2nd Commandment still applies to us today because of New Testament passages such as Js 2:6-7; 5:12-16, Eph 4:29, and Col 3:8-9).

The Proper Use Of God's Name

It is not wrong to use God's name. In fact, God wants us to use His name regularly, *but to use it properly*. Look at the Bible passage below to see an example of God's name being used correctly:

Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. ² Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. ³ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. ⁴ The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

From Martin Luther's *Large Catechism*:

"We are to use God's name properly, for it has been revealed to us and given to us precisely for our use and benefit . . . Thus His name is to be hallowed, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer . . . Children should be constantly urged and encouraged to honor God's name and keep it constantly upon their lips in all circumstances and experiences."

The Jews were so afraid of misusing the holy name of Jehovah יהוה that they never pronounced it. Therefore as time went on, they forgot the correct pronunciation. That is why today some call the name of God Jahweh and others call it Jehovah.

How To Use God's Name Properly

A. _____

Psalm 50:15 (162)

Psalm 130 (163)

Matthew 8:23-27

B. _____

Daniel 6:10-11

John 16:23 (166)

- "It helps to form the habit of commending ourselves each day to God - our soul and body, wife, children, servants, and all that we have - for His protection against every conceivable need. Thus has originated and continued among us the custom of saying grace and returning thanks at meals and saying other prayers for both morning and evening" (Luther's *Large Catechism*).
- In our regular church services we also have prayers, such as the Collect for the Sunday, the General Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and the Closing Prayer.

C. _____

Luke 17:11-19

Psalms 118:1 (170)

D. _____

1 Peter 2:9 (167)

Isaiah 43:21 (169)

- What does it mean to *praise* God?
- When we praise God, what kinds of things will be talked about?

"We are commanded to use God's name in the service of truth and all that is good - for example, when we swear properly where it is necessary and required. So also when we teach properly; again, when we call on His name in time of need, or praise and thank Him in times of prosperity" (Luther's *Large Catechism*).

Summarize the proper use of the name of God:

Christ and the Second Commandment

- After studying this commandment we realize that we are _____ .
- Jesus kept this commandment in our place so that we could be saved:

Luke 6:12 (173)

1 Corinthians 11:24 (174)

Romans 3:21-24

Romans 5:19

2 Corinthians 5:21

Activity: Giving Thanks

The word “thank” comes from “think.” In order to thank, one must think. The reason why many people fail to give thanks is because they do not think.

Many are the spiritual blessings for which we should give thanks: Peace by pardon, forgiveness of sins, reconciliation through the blood of Jesus, the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, the new birth, all covenant mercies, the assurance of heaven.

A partial list of blessings, both spiritual and material, is given here. These blessings can be listed after each letter of the alphabet.

A - America, the land we love; anesthetic
B - books, beauty, Bible, Baptism
C - children, Church
D - dawns, doctors
E - education (especially Christian education)
F - friends, flowers, freedom, fun, father, faith, fire
G - God
H - hope, home, humor, hinges
I - immortality
J - Jesus
K - kites; kinfolk
L - life, love, light, law, labor, laughter
M - mother, memories, music, medicine

N - nature, night
O - opportunity
P - prayer, peace, progress
Q - quests
R - romance
S - sorrow, sacrifice, sunsets, Sacrament of the Altar
T - truth, tomorrow
U - Uncle Sam
V - victories
W - worship, work, wages, wheels, water
X - all the Xtra things we forgot to mention
Y - yesterday, you
Z - zest; zeal

Assignment

- Bible Reading Schedule 7 from the book of Luke (Mon-Fri)
- Memorize the Second Commandment with Explanation (p. 50)