

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Exodus 20:7*

Title: *Guard Your Mouth!*

Central Truth: This commandment prohibits the improper use of God's name because it represents His very being and character.

I. v. 7a: The Command

KJV & NASB - take, NIV - misuse (Hebrew - *NASA*) It means to lift up, to raise, to carry. Vain - the word translated here means to be meaningless, to be empty of content or to make void of meaning. It designates anything that is unsubstantial, unreal, or worthless.

Three ways to take the Lord's name in vain:

1. The vanity of Profanity: _____
2. The vanity of Frivolity: _____
3. The vanity of Hypocrisy: _____

II. v. 7b: The Cost

Guiltless - literally the root of this word means to be clean or clear or free. This is a legal or courtroom type of word. In Matthew 12:36 Jesus Himself warns that we will give an account for every idle word we utter.

III. v. 7: The Care (*This is the practical application.*)

This is where we move from the negative to the positive! Instead of taking God's name in vain we should take it in victory:

1. Wear the name: _____
2. Share the name: _____
3. Bear the name: _____