

LESSON 13: USE GOD'S NAME WITH CARE

Memory work

99. Q. What is required in the third commandment?

A. We are not to blaspheme or to abuse the Name of God
by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths,
nor to share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.
Rather, we must use the holy Name of God
only with fear and reverence.

100. Q. Is the blaspheming of God's Name by swearing and cursing such a grievous sin that God is angry also with those who do not prevent and forbid it as much as they can?

A. Certainly, for no sin is greater or provokes God's wrath more
than the blaspheming of His Name.
That is why He commanded it to be punished with death.

Homework

1. (4) Underline, circle or highlight **all** the sins against the third commandment in the following story.

Jean and Mary-Anne came home from a shopping-spree all excited. "Gee, look at all the stuff we got," Jean told her Mom. "Oh my God, how much did you spend?" reacted Mom shocked, looking over the dresses and shoes. "Only about \$500," Mary-Anne said. "Together," she added quickly. Mom looked even more shocked. "Do you think that's responsible?" she asked. "The Lord said to the rich young ruler we should sell everything we have and give it to the poor. And you go and spend all that money on yourself." "But Mom," Jean protested, "Solomon was rich too, wasn't he? And God blessed Job and Abraham too." At that moment Dad walked in. He'd been in his den but had heard the conversation. "Jean," he said, "Yes, God allows us to be rich and have nice stuff. But we shouldn't be greedy and use every dollar we own for ourselves. I think Mom is right, you spent way too much. Maybe you should return some of the things you bought."

2. (4) Use a dictionary or the Internet to find out where the following come from. (To find the origin of a word, type "etymology" + whatever word you are looking up into Google)

Crikey: _____

Gee: _____

Golly: _____

Heck: _____

3. (2) A question that may need some thinking: of all Christians, what type of people are most likely to sin against the third commandment? (hint: check James 3:1, 2 & 10) _____