

LESSON 13: USE GOD’S NAME WITH CARE.

God’s Names

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Using God’s Name

An appeal to authority is often used _____

People may use _____ to add _____

_____. They may say _____ when _____

_____ or _____ when _____

Be _____ how you _____

We are NOT to make misuse of God’s Name.

Bible Study: 2 Kings 18:13-14 and 19:9-19

1. Who was Sennacherib? _____
 Who was Hezekiah? _____
2. What should Hezekiah not do according to Sennacherib? _____

3. Why should Hezekiah not do this? _____

4. What did Sennacherib think of the gods of all the peoples? _____
5. What did Sennacherib think of the LORD? _____
6. What does Hezekiah do with Sennacherib’s letter? _____

7. What did Hezekiah think of the gods of all the peoples? _____
8. What did Hezekiah think of the LORD? _____
9. Hezekiah says the LORD should rescue Judah for a certain reason. For what reason? _____

No swearing at all?

Like their forefathers, _____

_____. Not only _____

They point to _____

Mennonite Confession Article 20. Truth and the Avoidance of Oaths

We commit ourselves to tell the truth, to give a simple yes or no, and to avoid swearing of oaths. Jesus told his disciples not to swear oaths at all, but to let their yes be yes, and their no be no. (1) We believe that this teaching applies to truth telling as well as to avoiding profane language.(2) An oath is often sworn as a guarantee that one is telling the truth. This implies that when one has not taken an oath, one may be less careful about telling the truth. Jesus' followers are always to speak the truth and, in legal matters, simply to affirm that their statements are true.

Jesus also warned against using oaths to try to compel God to guarantee the future. In faith, we commit our futures to God. (3)

Throughout history, human governments have asked citizens to swear oaths of allegiance. As Christians, our first allegiance is to God.(4)In baptism we pledged our loyalty to Christ's community, a commitment that takes precedence over obedience to any other social and political communities.

(1) Matt. 5:33-37; James 5:12; (2) Eph. 4:15, 29; (3) Matt. 5:34-36; (4) Acts 5:29.

However, swearing an oath can be necessary:

Even God _____

In church, _____ is the equivalent of an oath. Think of _____

Empty use of God's Name

Another way to misuse God's Name is to no purpose. We usually call it swearing or profane language.

Swearing _____.

One uses God's Name while there is no need for it at all.

Don't misuse God's Name, use it without need, or be silent about it

Do _____