

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.*

101.Q. But may we swear an oath by the Name of God in a godly manner?

A. *Yes, when the government demands it of its subjects,
or when necessity requires it,
in order to maintain and promote fidelity and truth,
to God's glory and for our neighbour's good.*

102.Q. May we also swear by saints or other creatures?

A. *No.
A lawful oath is a calling upon God,
who alone knows the heart,
to bear witness to the truth,
and to punish me if I swear falsely.
No creature is worthy of such honour.*

Homework – see the other side of this sheet

