

## Law and Order: Decoding the Commandment Controversy Week 3: What It Means to Take the Lord's Name in Vain

### Series Recap:

Before God was a law-giver he was a \_\_\_\_\_.

Rules without relationship always equals  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The secret to the life you have always wanted is  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Series Theme:** God's laws and rules are not a condition for relationship but a confirmation of a relationship that already exists.

Exodus 20:7

*"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."*

### I. Clarifying the Third Commandment

Third commandment: You shall not misuse  
the name of the Lord your God

- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ God's name with something that God is not associated with.
- At salvation you had a change in name and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The third command is a \_\_\_\_\_ by which we see the rest of the law.
- God knew we would find \_\_\_\_\_ in his law in his name.

- Jesus clearing the temple \_\_\_\_\_ God's name and his law.

- Churches have consistently hurt people with their \_\_\_\_\_.

*The thrust of  
the third  
commandment is:  
You shall not  
establish religion.*

### II. Violating the Third Commandment

- The commandments show us \_\_\_\_\_ nature, and they show us that he understands \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
- We can easily dodge the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the name of God.
- Humanity has always sought a way to use \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ in order to have our own way.

### III. The Warning Associated with the Third Commandment

- If you get into the habit of dodging the law of God in the name of God, you will ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*Religion hides a  
hard heart, while  
transparency  
reveals it.*

- \_\_\_\_\_, not religion, is the key to knowing God.