

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.