

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1446: Do I Ever Take God's Name in Vain? (Ten Commandments Part III)

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1. How does redefining “take” as “carry” deepen our understanding of what it means to bear God’s name? (Exodus 20:7, Genesis 4:13)
2. In what way can our outward religious identity become “empty” or “false?” (using the definition of “vain”)
3. How does Jonah’s confession in Jonah 2:7-9, reveal an internal idolatry? What is the lesson for us?
4. Describe the decline into hypocrisy caused by chasing our own “vain idols.” How does this happen to a disciple of Christ? (Philippians 3:4-6, Ephesians 4:17-19, Acts 20:29-30)
5. What are the antidotes to the reasons for this decline into hypocrisy?
  - a. **Personal desires:** Philippians 3:4-8  
How can personal success become an idol that corrupts our “signature” as Christ’s disciples?  
*Where in my life am I carrying God’s name outwardly, while inwardly allowing personal desires, comfort or pride shape my true signature?*
  - b. **Worldly influences:** Ephesians 4:17-19, Hebrews 12:2  
How can worldly influences reshape our “signature”? Where do they belong in our life?  
What protects us and preserves the integrity of the name we carry?  
*What worldly influences have moved into the center of my life, affecting my choices, priorities or loyalties?*
  - c. **Leading of others:** Acts 20:29-30, Colossians 1:9-10  
How can spiritual leadership become a place where God’s name is most easily forged?  
What does it mean for our Christian life to be consistent with the value of who we represent?
6. Why is the veneration of God’s name placed at the beginning of Jesus’ teaching us the Lord’s prayer?  
How is this the positive fulfillment of the Third Commandment? (Matthew 6:7-9, Deuteronomy 4:15-16)  
*In what specific ways can I more intentionally “hallow” God’s name in my daily conduct, relationships and decisions?*
7. Who is it that our true signature must reflect? How can you do more of this in your daily life?  
(1 Peter 3:15-16)